



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 13, 2013. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the 19 State Total Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 13, 2013. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through April 13, 2013 for the 19 State total were 2.45 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2013

State	Week ending					
	March 9, 2013	March 16, 2013	March 23, 2013	March 30, 2013	April 6, 2013	April 13, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,539	28,212	27,971	28,369	28,140	28,392
Arkansas	21,772	21,156	21,080	21,718	21,500	21,809
Delaware	3,409	3,412	3,323	3,413	3,411	3,412
Florida	1,221	1,221	1,220	1,221	1,225	1,175
Georgia	33,057	33,182	32,852	32,702	32,908	32,961
Kentucky	7,778	7,831	7,470	7,780	7,643	7,768
Louisiana	3,379	3,395	3,455	3,531	3,500	3,546
Maryland	7,453	7,457	7,399	7,625	7,407	7,582
Mississippi	16,957	17,869	17,593	17,741	17,906	17,603
Missouri	8,268	7,938	8,126	8,027	7,686	8,341
North Carolina	20,085	19,926	19,942	20,350	20,022	19,862
Oklahoma	6,478	6,471	6,619	6,393	6,653	6,564
Pennsylvania	3,983	3,772	3,890	3,718	4,009	3,862
South Carolina	5,333	5,275	5,346	5,373	5,365	5,401
Texas	15,213	15,241	15,162	14,651	14,535	14,417
Virginia	6,678	6,653	6,518	6,591	6,622	6,636
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,585	10,726	11,273	11,023	10,956	10,752
19 State total	199,188	199,737	199,239	200,226	199,488	200,083
Percent of previous year	100	101	101	101	100	100
Other States	7,989	8,001	8,133	8,040	7,879	8,131
United States	207,177	207,738	207,372	208,266	207,367	208,214

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2013

State	Week ending					
	March 9, 2013	March 16, 2013	March 23, 2013	March 30, 2013	April 6, 2013	April 13, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,548	21,200	21,182	20,553	21,761	20,898
Arkansas	20,875	20,533	20,406	21,409	20,019	19,104
Delaware	4,419	3,583	4,602	3,808	4,213	3,685
Florida	1,488	1,224	1,141	1,291	1,224	1,328
Georgia	27,148	27,044	26,878	26,254	26,381	26,592
Kentucky	6,481	6,240	6,691	5,585	6,333	5,867
Louisiana	2,968	3,020	2,994	3,288	3,056	3,116
Maryland	6,163	6,281	5,503	6,642	5,548	6,691
Mississippi	14,731	14,961	14,896	14,374	15,113	14,917
Missouri	5,144	5,502	5,769	5,560	5,418	5,954
North Carolina	16,412	16,208	16,298	15,778	15,739	15,028
Oklahoma	4,797	4,364	4,171	3,390	4,005	4,439
Pennsylvania	2,992	3,011	2,947	3,118	2,990	3,178
South Carolina	4,442	3,894	3,898	4,811	4,644	4,744
Texas	12,194	12,425	12,471	12,133	12,612	12,676
Virginia	4,451	5,087	4,856	5,052	5,851	4,854
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,490	10,135	9,854	11,250	10,178	10,523
19 State total	164,743	164,712	164,557	164,296	165,085	163,594
Percent of previous year	101	101	100	99	100	100
Other States	5,866	5,508	5,767	5,690	5,837	6,438
United States	170,609	170,220	170,324	169,986	170,922	170,032

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

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