



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up 5 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 31, 2013. This was up 5 percent 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 Up 4 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 31, 2013. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through August 31, 2013 for the 19 State total were 5.78 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					
	July 27, 2013	August 3, 2013	August 10, 2013	August 17, 2013	August 24, 2013	August 31, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,154	27,883	28,183	28,426	27,872	27,711
Arkansas .....	21,703	20,809	21,338	21,040	21,526	21,252
Delaware .....	3,691	3,692	3,692	3,692	3,687	3,584
Florida .....	1,225	1,222	1,224	1,224	1,223	1,222
Georgia .....	33,353	33,704	33,873	33,892	32,570	33,276
Kentucky .....	7,945	7,963	8,005	8,004	8,077	8,104
Louisiana .....	3,485	3,485	3,727	3,621	3,727	3,803
Maryland .....	7,631	7,492	7,678	7,688	7,721	7,749
Mississippi .....	17,662	16,891	17,361	16,789	16,762	16,631
Missouri .....	8,201	8,228	8,417	8,417	8,428	8,425
North Carolina .....	20,444	20,121	20,236	20,377	20,616	20,401
Oklahoma .....	6,828	6,824	6,815	6,464	6,962	7,028
Pennsylvania .....	3,878	4,024	4,317	4,100	4,096	4,122
South Carolina .....	5,110	5,152	5,362	5,355	5,374	5,046
Texas .....	14,916	14,671	14,731	14,377	14,957	14,757
Virginia .....	6,391	6,315	6,352	6,410	6,435	6,442
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,505	10,578	10,639	10,833	10,991	10,742
19 State total .....	201,122	199,054	201,950	200,709	201,024	200,295
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	105	105	105	105
Other States .....	7,862	7,883	7,967	8,026	7,998	7,930
United States .....	208,984	206,937	209,917	208,735	209,022	208,225

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

State	Week ending					
	July 27, 2013	August 3, 2013	August 10, 2013	August 17, 2013	August 24, 2013	August 31, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,302	21,354	21,678	21,618	21,421	21,201
Arkansas .....	20,091	21,444	19,620	20,326	18,866	21,131
Delaware .....	4,708	4,261	4,933	5,053	4,764	4,503
Florida .....	1,385	1,259	1,352	1,524	1,317	1,387
Georgia .....	27,585	27,933	27,408	26,604	26,945	26,050
Kentucky .....	5,693	6,324	6,109	6,542	6,298	6,622
Louisiana .....	3,088	3,142	3,117	3,110	3,101	3,340
Maryland .....	5,298	6,177	6,238	5,272	5,850	6,473
Mississippi .....	15,225	15,224	14,417	14,990	14,383	14,807
Missouri .....	5,870	5,113	6,239	5,865	5,592	4,726
North Carolina .....	16,024	15,651	15,439	15,541	15,461	16,103
Oklahoma .....	4,282	3,568	4,135	4,078	5,153	4,395
Pennsylvania .....	2,809	3,063	2,954	2,865	2,986	3,177
South Carolina .....	4,570	4,423	4,496	4,232	4,542	5,672
Texas .....	12,775	12,604	12,460	12,563	12,368	12,029
Virginia .....	5,848	5,235	4,752	5,733	5,119	4,713
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,739	11,248	10,004	10,121	10,129	9,851
19 State total .....	167,292	168,023	165,351	166,037	164,295	166,180
Percent of previous year .....	104	103	102	102	101	104
Other States .....	6,205	5,722	5,891	5,475	5,771	5,686
United States .....	173,497	173,745	171,242	171,512	170,066	171,866

## 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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