



# 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 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 7, 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 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 7, 2013. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through September 7, 2013 for the 19 State total were 5.95 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					
	August 3, 2013	August 10, 2013	August 17, 2013	August 24, 2013	August 31, 2013	September 7, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	27,883	28,183	28,296	27,872	27,711	27,229
Arkansas .....	20,809	21,338	21,040	21,526	21,252	21,202
Delaware .....	3,692	3,692	3,692	3,687	3,584	3,690
Florida .....	1,222	1,224	1,224	1,223	1,222	1,221
Georgia .....	33,704	33,873	33,892	32,570	33,151	32,512
Kentucky .....	7,963	8,005	8,004	8,077	8,104	8,001
Louisiana .....	3,485	3,727	3,621	3,727	3,803	3,652
Maryland .....	7,492	7,678	7,688	7,721	7,749	7,574
Mississippi .....	16,891	17,361	16,789	16,762	16,631	15,801
Missouri .....	8,228	8,417	8,417	8,428	8,425	8,421
North Carolina .....	20,121	20,236	20,398	20,616	20,347	19,927
Oklahoma .....	6,824	6,815	6,464	6,962	7,028	6,582
Pennsylvania .....	4,024	4,317	4,100	4,096	4,160	4,081
South Carolina .....	5,152	5,362	5,355	5,374	5,048	4,712
Texas .....	14,658	14,718	14,374	14,954	14,787	14,388
Virginia .....	6,315	6,352	6,410	6,435	6,442	6,406
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,622	10,634	10,806	11,083	10,837	9,992
19 State total .....	199,085	201,932	200,570	201,113	200,281	195,391
Percent of previous year .....	102	105	105	105	105	105
Other States .....	7,656	7,740	7,799	7,771	7,603	7,406
United States .....	206,741	209,672	208,369	208,884	207,884	202,797

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

State	Week ending					
	August 3, 2013	August 10, 2013	August 17, 2013	August 24, 2013	August 31, 2013	September 7, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,354	21,678	21,618	21,421	21,201	22,143
Arkansas .....	21,444	19,620	20,326	18,866	21,131	19,416
Delaware .....	4,261	4,933	5,053	4,764	4,657	5,037
Florida .....	1,259	1,352	1,524	1,317	1,387	1,140
Georgia .....	27,933	27,408	26,604	27,078	26,116	26,571
Kentucky .....	6,324	6,109	6,542	6,298	6,622	6,499
Louisiana .....	3,142	3,117	3,110	3,101	3,340	3,191
Maryland .....	6,177	6,238	5,272	5,850	6,320	5,604
Mississippi .....	15,224	14,417	14,990	14,383	14,804	14,251
Missouri .....	5,113	6,239	5,865	5,592	4,726	6,124
North Carolina .....	15,651	15,439	15,541	15,461	16,136	15,889
Oklahoma .....	3,568	4,135	4,078	5,153	4,395	4,333
Pennsylvania .....	3,063	2,954	2,865	2,986	3,187	3,054
South Carolina .....	4,423	4,496	4,232	4,542	5,364	4,937
Texas .....	12,604	12,449	12,552	12,357	12,053	11,871
Virginia .....	5,235	4,752	5,733	5,119	4,713	5,200
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,244	10,014	9,977	10,094	10,325	10,088
19 State total .....	168,019	165,350	165,882	164,382	166,477	165,348
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	102	101	104	103
Other States .....	5,722	5,895	5,604	5,612	5,690	5,951
United States .....	173,741	171,245	171,486	169,994	172,167	171,299

## 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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