



# 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 194 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 14, 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 14, 2013. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through September 14, 2013 for the 19 State total were 6.11 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 10, 2013	August 17, 2013	August 24, 2013	August 31, 2013	September 7, 2013	September 14, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)				
Alabama .....	28,183	28,296	27,872	27,711	27,229	27,605
Arkansas .....	21,338	21,040	21,526	21,252	21,202	20,007
Delaware .....	3,692	3,692	3,687	3,584	3,692	3,638
Florida .....	1,224	1,224	1,223	1,222	1,221	1,192
Georgia .....	33,873	33,892	32,996	33,151	32,512	33,508
Kentucky .....	8,095	7,954	8,077	8,104	8,001	7,936
Louisiana .....	3,727	3,621	3,727	3,803	3,652	3,561
Maryland .....	7,678	7,688	7,721	7,749	7,574	7,522
Mississippi .....	17,361	16,789	16,762	16,631	15,801	16,770
Missouri .....	8,417	8,417	8,428	8,425	8,421	8,424
North Carolina .....	20,236	20,398	20,616	20,347	19,927	18,305
Oklahoma .....	6,815	6,464	6,962	7,028	6,582	7,015
Pennsylvania .....	4,317	4,100	4,096	4,160	4,100	4,058
South Carolina .....	5,362	5,355	5,374	5,048	4,712	5,221
Texas .....	14,718	14,374	14,954	14,787	14,420	12,700
Virginia .....	6,352	6,410	6,435	6,442	6,406	6,204
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,634	10,806	11,089	10,837	9,992	10,430
19 State total .....	202,022	200,520	201,545	200,281	195,444	194,096
Percent of previous year .....	105	105	105	105	105	105
Other States .....	7,740	7,799	7,771	7,603	7,389	7,501
United States .....	209,762	208,319	209,316	207,884	202,833	201,597

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

State	Week ending					
	August 10, 2013	August 17, 2013	August 24, 2013	August 31, 2013	September 7, 2013	September 14, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)				
Alabama .....	21,678	21,618	21,421	21,201	22,143	20,888
Arkansas .....	19,620	20,326	18,866	21,131	19,395	19,184
Delaware .....	4,933	5,053	4,764	4,657	4,702	4,354
Florida .....	1,352	1,524	1,317	1,387	1,140	1,155
Georgia .....	27,408	26,604	27,078	26,116	26,571	26,261
Kentucky .....	6,109	6,542	6,298	6,334	6,439	6,276
Louisiana .....	3,117	3,110	3,101	3,340	3,191	3,295
Maryland .....	6,238	5,272	5,850	6,320	5,831	6,549
Mississippi .....	14,417	14,990	14,383	14,804	14,251	14,176
Missouri .....	6,239	5,865	5,592	4,726	6,124	5,948
North Carolina .....	15,439	15,541	15,461	16,136	15,889	15,588
Oklahoma .....	4,135	4,078	5,153	4,395	4,333	5,430
Pennsylvania .....	2,954	2,865	2,986	3,187	3,048	3,090
South Carolina .....	4,496	4,232	4,542	5,364	4,937	5,066
Texas .....	12,449	12,552	12,357	12,053	11,843	12,473
Virginia .....	4,752	5,733	5,119	4,713	5,200	5,071
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,014	9,977	10,094	10,325	10,088	10,559
19 State total .....	165,350	165,882	164,382	166,189	165,125	165,363
Percent of previous year .....	102	102	101	104	103	103
Other States .....	5,895	5,604	5,612	5,690	5,943	6,037
United States .....	171,245	171,486	169,994	171,879	171,068	171,400

## 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.

**Revision Policy:** Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

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