



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 191 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 21, 2013. This was up 1 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 21, 2013. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through September 21, 2013 for the 19 State total were 6.28 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 17, 2013	August 24, 2013	August 31, 2013	September 7, 2013	September 14, 2013	September 21, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,296	27,872	27,721	27,229	27,605	27,302
Arkansas	21,040	21,526	21,252	21,202	20,007	19,448
Delaware	3,692	3,687	3,584	3,692	3,507	3,599
Florida	1,224	1,223	1,222	1,221	1,192	911
Georgia	33,892	32,996	33,151	32,512	33,508	32,003
Kentucky	7,954	8,158	8,104	8,001	7,936	7,371
Louisiana	3,621	3,727	3,803	3,652	3,561	3,682
Maryland	7,688	7,721	7,749	7,574	7,522	7,765
Mississippi	16,789	16,762	16,631	15,801	16,770	16,028
Missouri	8,417	8,428	8,425	8,421	8,424	7,791
North Carolina	20,398	20,616	20,347	19,927	18,340	19,301
Oklahoma	6,464	6,962	7,028	6,582	7,015	6,718
Pennsylvania	4,100	4,096	4,160	4,100	4,046	4,051
South Carolina	5,355	5,374	5,048	4,712	5,221	5,004
Texas	14,374	14,954	14,787	14,420	12,700	13,843
Virginia	6,410	6,435	6,442	6,406	6,204	6,145
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,806	11,089	10,854	9,992	10,430	9,721
19 State total	200,520	201,626	200,308	195,444	193,988	190,683
Percent of previous year	105	105	105	105	105	101
Other States	7,799	7,817	7,479	7,496	7,569	7,429
United States	208,319	209,443	207,787	202,940	201,557	198,112

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

State	Week ending					
	August 17, 2013	August 24, 2013	August 31, 2013	September 7, 2013	September 14, 2013	September 21, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,618	21,421	21,201	22,143	21,116	20,314
Arkansas	20,326	18,866	21,131	19,395	19,184	19,820
Delaware	5,053	4,764	4,657	4,702	4,426	4,544
Florida	1,524	1,317	1,387	1,140	1,155	1,346
Georgia	26,604	27,078	26,116	26,571	26,411	26,983
Kentucky	6,542	6,298	6,334	6,439	6,596	6,456
Louisiana	3,110	3,101	3,340	3,191	3,295	3,365
Maryland	5,272	5,850	6,320	5,831	6,440	6,397
Mississippi	14,990	14,383	14,804	14,251	14,176	14,141
Missouri	5,865	5,592	4,726	6,124	5,966	5,618
North Carolina	15,541	15,461	16,136	15,889	15,584	15,792
Oklahoma	4,078	5,153	4,395	4,333	5,430	4,916
Pennsylvania	2,865	2,986	3,187	3,048	3,066	3,089
South Carolina	4,232	4,542	5,364	4,937	5,066	4,650
Texas	12,552	12,357	12,053	11,843	12,473	12,199
Virginia	5,733	5,119	4,713	5,200	5,071	5,045
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,977	10,094	10,325	10,088	10,559	10,331
19 State total	165,882	164,382	166,189	165,125	166,014	165,006
Percent of previous year	102	101	104	103	103	103
Other States	5,603	5,612	5,690	5,940	6,144	5,918
United States	171,485	169,994	171,879	171,065	172,158	170,924

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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