



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Special Note

Due to the lapse in federal funding, revisions for weeks ending August 24, August 31, and September 7, 2013 will be available on Quick Stats only. Please visit the NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov) and utilize the Quick Stats Tools for the revised data.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 188 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 19, 2013. This was up 6 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 19, 2013. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through October 19, 2013 for the 19 State total were 6.91 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2013

State	Week ending					
	September 14, 2013	September 21, 2013	September 28, 2013	October 5, 2013	October 12, 2013	October 19, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	27,650	27,271	27,233	24,875	26,604	26,386
Arkansas .....	20,007	19,905	20,713	20,494	19,519	19,004
Delaware .....	3,507	3,603	3,515	3,927	4,283	4,105
Florida .....	1,192	911	1,225	1,223	1,222	1,223
Georgia .....	33,237	32,003	32,400	30,478	32,519	30,888
Kentucky .....	7,251	7,430	7,897	7,526	7,958	7,351
Louisiana .....	3,437	3,682	3,667	3,341	3,284	3,470
Maryland .....	7,522	7,765	7,910	7,645	7,917	7,399
Mississippi .....	16,770	16,028	16,107	14,372	15,712	16,273
Missouri .....	8,424	7,791	8,049	7,607	8,427	8,070
North Carolina .....	18,486	19,474	20,315	19,711	18,722	19,671
Oklahoma .....	7,015	6,718	6,917	7,015	6,337	6,562
Pennsylvania .....	4,014	3,994	3,797	4,177	3,837	3,978
South Carolina .....	5,221	5,004	5,242	4,999	5,030	5,111
Texas .....	12,700	13,843	14,049	12,963	13,853	13,373
Virginia .....	6,204	6,145	6,437	6,106	6,370	6,451
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,421	9,626	10,148	10,399	9,533	8,723
19 State total .....	193,058	191,193	195,621	186,858	191,127	188,038
Percent of previous year .....	105	102	106	99	105	106
Other States .....	7,521	7,399	7,185	7,189	7,551	7,639
United States .....	200,579	198,592	202,806	194,047	198,678	195,677

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

State	Week ending					
	September 14, 2013	September 21, 2013	September 28, 2013	October 5, 2013	October 12, 2013	October 19, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,116	20,314	19,754	20,665	20,786	20,510
Arkansas .....	19,184	19,849	20,149	19,756	18,435	19,857
Delaware .....	4,426	4,533	4,594	4,346	4,768	4,415
Florida .....	1,155	1,346	1,226	1,452	1,054	1,109
Georgia .....	26,411	26,983	26,514	26,657	25,108	26,605
Kentucky .....	6,596	6,496	6,328	6,218	5,620	6,026
Louisiana .....	3,295	3,365	3,131	3,062	3,249	3,234
Maryland .....	6,440	6,377	5,692	5,586	5,031	6,215
Mississippi .....	14,176	14,141	13,261	14,170	13,636	13,698
Missouri .....	5,966	5,609	5,527	6,542	5,471	5,545
North Carolina .....	15,584	15,623	15,956	14,348	14,921	16,355
Oklahoma .....	5,430	4,916	4,433	3,110	4,531	3,962
Pennsylvania .....	3,076	3,070	3,059	2,995	2,957	2,946
South Carolina .....	5,066	4,650	4,312	4,672	4,348	4,772
Texas .....	12,473	12,199	12,039	10,467	11,595	11,940
Virginia .....	5,071	5,045	4,986	4,968	5,778	4,820
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,286	10,263	9,697	10,024	9,596	9,515
19 State total .....	165,751	164,779	160,658	159,038	156,884	161,524
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	104	103	101	105
Other States .....	6,144	5,920	6,040	5,577	5,494	5,463
United States .....	171,895	170,699	166,698	164,615	162,378	166,987

## 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.

**Reliability:** Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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