



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 191 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 2, 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 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 156 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 2, 2013. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through November 2, 2013 for the 19 State total were 7.22 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					
	September 28, 2013	October 5, 2013	October 12, 2013	October 19, 2013	October 26, 2013	November 2, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	27,233	24,686	26,225	26,386	26,099	25,940
Arkansas .....	20,713	20,494	19,519	19,004	19,587	19,767
Delaware .....	3,515	3,970	4,257	4,301	4,267	4,283
Florida .....	1,225	1,223	1,222	1,223	1,224	1,221
Georgia .....	32,400	30,074	32,080	30,888	32,165	31,296
Kentucky .....	7,897	7,526	7,631	7,351	7,357	7,249
Louisiana .....	3,667	3,341	3,456	3,470	3,552	3,728
Maryland .....	7,910	7,645	7,917	7,399	7,793	7,614
Mississippi .....	16,107	14,372	15,712	16,273	16,358	15,728
Missouri .....	8,049	7,607	8,427	8,070	7,678	7,420
North Carolina .....	20,315	19,714	18,506	19,675	19,899	20,095
Oklahoma .....	6,917	7,015	6,337	6,609	6,685	6,965
Pennsylvania .....	3,797	4,226	3,871	3,707	3,295	3,810
South Carolina .....	5,242	4,749	5,030	5,111	5,390	5,215
Texas .....	14,046	12,960	13,850	13,370	15,130	14,945
Virginia .....	6,437	5,901	6,370	6,451	6,661	6,032
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,148	10,403	9,930	8,723	10,040	9,939
19 State total .....	195,618	185,906	190,340	188,011	193,180	191,247
Percent of previous year .....	106	99	105	106	103	106
Other States .....	7,161	7,135	7,485	7,432	7,543	6,858
United States .....	202,779	193,041	197,825	195,443	200,723	198,105

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

State	Week ending					
	September 28, 2013	October 5, 2013	October 12, 2013	October 19, 2013	October 26, 2013	November 2, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	19,754	20,665	20,786	20,510	18,120	20,694
Arkansas .....	20,149	19,756	18,435	19,797	18,190	18,864
Delaware .....	4,594	4,281	4,769	4,344	4,362	5,132
Florida .....	1,226	1,452	1,054	1,109	1,306	1,395
Georgia .....	26,514	26,657	25,108	26,605	24,101	24,840
Kentucky .....	6,328	6,218	5,620	6,026	6,101	6,125
Louisiana .....	3,131	3,062	3,249	3,234	2,845	3,018
Maryland .....	5,692	5,505	5,049	6,142	5,923	5,519
Mississippi .....	13,261	14,170	13,636	13,655	12,295	13,305
Missouri .....	5,527	6,542	5,471	5,545	5,116	5,949
North Carolina .....	15,956	14,341	14,921	16,311	15,480	14,652
Oklahoma .....	4,433	3,110	4,531	3,962	5,410	3,738
Pennsylvania .....	3,059	2,995	2,961	2,737	3,100	3,016
South Carolina .....	4,312	4,672	4,348	4,772	4,518	3,908
Texas .....	12,032	10,464	11,593	11,937	11,125	11,369
Virginia .....	4,986	4,968	5,778	4,820	4,629	5,532
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,697	10,024	9,596	9,515	9,750	9,271
19 State total .....	160,651	158,882	156,905	161,021	152,371	156,327
Percent of previous year .....	104	103	101	104	97	103
Other States .....	6,011	5,544	5,527	5,354	5,201	5,593
United States .....	166,662	164,426	162,432	166,375	157,572	161,920

## 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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