



Broiler Hatchery

ISSN: 1949-1840

Released November 13, 2013, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 190 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 9, 2013. This was down slightly 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 153 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 9, 2013. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through November 9, 2013 for the 19 State total were 7.38 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					
	October 5, 2013	October 12, 2013	October 19, 2013	October 26, 2013	November 2, 2013	November 9, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	24,686	26,225	26,362	26,099	25,765	26,495
Arkansas	20,494	19,519	19,004	19,587	19,767	20,082
Delaware	3,970	4,257	4,301	4,267	4,238	4,252
Florida	1,223	1,222	1,223	1,224	1,221	1,221
Georgia	30,074	32,080	30,445	32,165	31,372	30,498
Kentucky	6,920	7,631	6,492	7,357	7,249	7,128
Louisiana	3,341	3,456	3,486	3,552	3,728	3,607
Maryland	7,645	7,917	7,399	7,793	7,614	7,648
Mississippi	14,372	15,712	16,375	16,358	15,510	16,467
Missouri	7,607	8,427	8,070	7,678	7,420	7,543
North Carolina	19,714	18,506	19,675	19,874	20,099	19,907
Oklahoma	7,015	6,337	6,609	6,685	6,965	6,589
Pennsylvania	4,226	3,871	3,841	3,295	3,752	3,775
South Carolina	4,749	5,030	5,111	5,390	5,215	5,279
Texas	12,949	13,840	13,428	15,128	14,943	14,046
Virginia	5,901	6,370	6,343	6,661	6,032	6,008
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,352	9,956	8,706	10,042	9,941	9,690
19 State total	185,238	190,356	186,870	193,155	190,831	190,235
Percent of previous year	99	105	105	103	106	100
Other States	7,135	7,485	7,432	7,543	6,858	7,433
United States	192,373	197,841	194,302	200,698	197,689	197,668

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

State	Week ending					
	October 5, 2013	October 12, 2013	October 19, 2013	October 26, 2013	November 2, 2013	November 9, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,665	20,786	20,510	18,120	20,711	19,640
Arkansas	19,756	18,435	19,797	18,190	18,864	17,588
Delaware	4,281	4,769	4,344	4,362	5,174	4,637
Florida	1,452	1,054	1,109	1,306	1,395	1,298
Georgia	26,657	25,108	26,605	24,101	24,840	23,840
Kentucky	6,279	5,620	6,026	5,604	6,125	4,815
Louisiana	3,062	3,249	3,234	2,845	3,018	3,011
Maryland	5,505	5,049	6,142	5,923	5,519	5,229
Mississippi	14,170	13,636	13,655	12,295	13,314	14,007
Missouri	6,542	5,471	5,545	5,116	5,949	5,289
North Carolina	14,341	14,921	16,311	15,493	14,659	15,683
Oklahoma	3,110	4,531	3,962	5,410	3,738	5,038
Pennsylvania	2,995	2,961	2,737	3,100	3,118	3,034
South Carolina	4,672	4,348	4,772	4,518	3,908	4,211
Texas	10,455	11,584	11,928	11,116	11,360	11,122
Virginia	4,968	5,778	4,820	4,629	5,532	5,591
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,032	9,576	9,534	9,726	9,286	8,838
19 State total	158,942	156,876	161,031	151,854	156,510	152,871
Percent of previous year	103	101	104	97	103	103
Other States	5,544	5,527	5,354	5,201	5,593	5,883
United States	164,486	162,403	166,385	157,055	162,103	158,754

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.

Information Contacts

Listed below are the commodity specialists in the Livestock Branch of the National Agricultural Statistics Service to contact for additional information. E-mail inquiries may be sent to nass@nass.usda.gov

Dan Kerestes, Chief, Livestock Branch	(202) 720-3570
Bruce Boess, Head, Poultry and Specialty Commodities Section	(202) 720-4447
Douglas Boline – Poultry Slaughter, Turkey Hatchery, Turkeys Raised	(202) 720-0585
David Colwell – Cold Storage	(202) 720-8784
Tom Kruchten – Census of Aquaculture, Honey	(202) 690-4870
Dawn Keen – Egg Products	(202) 720-4448
Kim Linonis – Layers, Eggs	(202) 690-8632
Miste Salmon – Broiler Hatchery, Chicken Hatchery	(202) 720-3244

Access to NASS Reports

For your convenience, you may access NASS reports and products the following ways:

- All reports are available electronically, at no cost, on the NASS web site: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>
- Both national and state specific reports are available via a free e-mail subscription. To set-up this free subscription, visit <http://www.nass.usda.gov> and in the “Follow NASS” box under “Receive reports by Email,” click on “National” or “State” to select the reports you would like to receive.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Agricultural Statistics Hotline at (800) 727-9540, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET, or e-mail: nass@nass.usda.gov.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#) (PDF), found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.