



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up 2 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 16, 2013. This was up 2 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 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 16, 2013. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through November 16, 2013 for the 19 State total were 7.54 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 12, 2013	October 19, 2013	October 26, 2013	November 2, 2013	November 9, 2013	November 16, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)					
Alabama .....	26,225	26,362	25,594	23,980	26,348	27,041
Arkansas .....	19,519	19,004	19,587	19,767	20,082	21,269
Delaware .....	4,257	4,301	4,267	4,238	4,201	4,241
Florida .....	1,222	1,223	1,224	1,221	1,221	1,221
Georgia .....	32,080	30,445	32,569	31,372	30,498	33,522
Kentucky .....	7,631	6,492	7,202	7,249	7,128	7,628
Louisiana .....	3,456	3,486	3,879	3,728	3,607	3,818
Maryland .....	7,917	7,399	7,793	7,614	7,648	7,940
Mississippi .....	15,712	16,375	17,295	15,510	16,467	17,193
Missouri .....	8,427	8,070	7,678	7,420	7,543	8,491
North Carolina .....	18,506	19,675	19,824	20,099	19,940	20,512
Oklahoma .....	6,337	6,609	6,685	6,965	6,589	7,042
Pennsylvania .....	3,871	3,841	3,293	3,752	3,991	3,774
South Carolina .....	5,030	5,111	5,390	5,215	5,279	5,313
Texas .....	13,840	13,428	15,128	14,943	14,046	14,118
Virginia .....	6,370	6,343	6,661	6,032	6,008	6,494
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,956	8,706	10,042	9,941	9,562	10,301
19 State total .....	190,356	186,870	194,111	189,046	190,158	199,918
Percent of previous year .....	105	105	104	105	100	102
Other States .....	7,485	7,432	7,543	6,969	7,507	7,702
United States .....	197,841	194,302	201,654	196,015	197,665	207,620

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

State	Week ending					
	October 12, 2013	October 19, 2013	October 26, 2013	November 2, 2013	November 9, 2013	November 16, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)					
Alabama .....	20,786	20,510	18,120	20,711	19,650	20,210
Arkansas .....	18,435	19,797	18,190	18,864	17,588	18,330
Delaware .....	4,769	4,344	4,362	5,095	4,637	5,055
Florida .....	1,054	1,109	1,306	1,395	1,298	1,271
Georgia .....	25,108	26,605	24,101	24,840	23,840	24,883
Kentucky .....	5,620	6,026	5,604	6,125	4,815	5,733
Louisiana .....	3,249	3,234	2,845	3,018	3,011	3,535
Maryland .....	5,049	6,142	5,923	5,519	5,229	7,452
Mississippi .....	13,636	13,655	12,295	13,314	14,007	14,741
Missouri .....	5,471	5,545	5,116	5,949	5,289	4,675
North Carolina .....	14,921	16,311	15,524	14,659	15,492	15,761
Oklahoma .....	4,531	3,962	5,410	3,738	5,038	5,113
Pennsylvania .....	2,961	2,737	3,100	3,118	3,135	2,580
South Carolina .....	4,348	4,772	4,518	3,908	4,211	5,023
Texas .....	11,584	11,928	11,116	11,360	11,122	12,560
Virginia .....	5,778	4,820	4,629	5,532	5,591	4,872
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,576	9,534	9,726	9,286	8,974	8,883
19 State total .....	156,876	161,031	151,885	156,431	152,927	160,677
Percent of previous year .....	101	104	97	103	103	103
Other States .....	5,527	5,354	5,201	5,594	5,885	5,934
United States .....	162,403	166,385	157,086	162,025	158,812	166,611

## 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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