



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 23, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 155 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 23, 2013. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through November 23, 2013 for the 19 State total were 7.69 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 19, 2013	October 26, 2013	November 2, 2013	November 9, 2013	November 16, 2013	November 23, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)				
Alabama	26,362	25,594	23,998	26,348	27,041	27,970
Arkansas	19,004	19,587	19,767	20,082	21,269	20,997
Delaware	4,301	4,267	4,238	4,198	4,241	4,410
Florida	1,223	1,224	1,221	1,221	1,221	1,220
Georgia	30,445	32,569	31,621	30,498	33,361	32,989
Kentucky	6,519	7,249	7,384	7,128	7,628	7,739
Louisiana	3,486	3,879	3,728	3,607	3,818	3,622
Maryland	7,399	7,793	7,614	7,648	7,940	7,920
Mississippi	16,375	17,295	15,510	16,467	17,193	17,064
Missouri	8,070	7,678	7,420	7,543	8,491	8,488
North Carolina	19,675	19,824	20,099	19,940	20,420	20,512
Oklahoma	6,609	6,685	6,965	6,589	7,042	7,093
Pennsylvania	3,841	3,293	3,752	3,991	3,938	3,869
South Carolina	5,111	5,390	5,215	5,279	5,313	5,244
Texas	13,428	15,128	14,943	14,046	14,118	14,274
Virginia	6,343	6,661	6,032	6,008	6,494	6,421
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	8,706	10,065	10,242	9,562	10,584	10,043
19 State total	186,897	194,181	189,749	190,155	200,112	199,875
Percent of previous year	105	104	105	100	102	102
Other States	7,432	7,543	6,969	7,507	7,702	7,722
United States	194,329	201,724	196,718	197,662	207,814	207,597

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

State	Week ending					
	October 19, 2013	October 26, 2013	November 2, 2013	November 9, 2013	November 16, 2013	November 23, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)				
Alabama	20,510	18,114	20,711	19,650	20,210	18,512
Arkansas	19,797	18,190	18,864	17,588	18,330	18,614
Delaware	4,308	5,285	5,938	5,670	4,415	5,106
Florida	1,109	1,306	1,395	1,298	1,271	1,328
Georgia	26,605	24,101	24,840	23,840	24,883	24,967
Kentucky	6,026	5,604	6,104	4,755	5,745	4,962
Louisiana	3,234	2,845	3,018	3,011	3,535	3,162
Maryland	6,381	5,926	4,424	4,578	7,082	5,943
Mississippi	13,655	12,295	13,314	14,007	14,741	13,162
Missouri	5,545	5,116	5,949	5,289	4,675	4,523
North Carolina	16,311	15,524	14,659	15,492	15,761	16,168
Oklahoma	3,962	5,410	3,738	5,038	5,113	5,126
Pennsylvania	2,737	3,100	3,118	3,135	2,693	2,957
South Carolina	4,772	4,518	3,908	4,886	5,023	4,448
Texas	11,928	11,116	11,360	11,122	12,560	12,352
Virginia	4,820	4,629	5,532	5,591	4,872	4,698
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,534	9,726	9,374	8,974	8,812	8,793
19 State total	161,234	152,805	156,246	153,924	159,721	154,821
Percent of previous year	104	97	103	104	102	102
Other States	5,354	5,201	5,594	5,885	5,934	5,480
United States	166,588	158,006	161,840	159,809	165,655	160,301

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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