



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up 5 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 7, 2013. This was up 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 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 Down Slightly**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 7, 2013. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through December 7, 2013 for the 19 State total were 8.01 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					
	November 2, 2013	November 9, 2013	November 16, 2013	November 23, 2013	November 30, 2013	December 7, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	23,998	26,348	27,041	27,970	28,291	28,275
Arkansas .....	19,934	20,294	21,236	21,163	21,149	21,175
Delaware .....	4,238	4,198	4,241	4,411	4,414	4,435
Florida .....	1,221	1,221	1,221	1,220	1,222	1,223
Georgia .....	31,621	30,872	33,386	32,985	33,423	32,994
Kentucky .....	7,430	7,440	7,891	7,739	7,703	7,701
Louisiana .....	3,728	3,607	3,818	3,622	3,864	3,803
Maryland .....	7,614	7,648	7,940	7,934	7,596	7,717
Mississippi .....	15,510	16,467	17,193	17,063	17,528	17,547
Missouri .....	7,420	7,543	8,491	8,488	8,491	8,466
North Carolina .....	20,099	19,940	20,587	20,521	19,775	20,105
Oklahoma .....	6,965	6,998	7,042	7,093	6,958	6,934
Pennsylvania .....	3,752	3,991	3,937	3,917	4,067	3,887
South Carolina .....	5,215	5,279	5,313	5,244	5,383	4,833
Texas .....	14,935	14,037	14,115	14,271	14,982	13,972
Virginia .....	6,032	6,008	6,494	6,421	6,370	6,373
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,212	9,588	10,601	10,039	10,094	10,219
19 State total .....	189,924	191,479	200,547	200,101	201,310	199,659
Percent of previous year .....	105	101	102	102	100	105
Other States .....	6,979	7,542	7,719	7,839	7,719	7,849
United States .....	196,903	199,021	208,266	207,940	209,029	207,508

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

State	Week ending					
	November 2, 2013	November 9, 2013	November 16, 2013	November 23, 2013	November 30, 2013	December 7, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,711	19,650	20,210	18,512	19,735	19,921
Arkansas .....	18,857	17,587	18,330	18,731	19,328	19,770
Delaware .....	5,938	5,670	4,415	5,476	5,402	6,107
Florida .....	1,395	1,298	1,271	1,328	1,469	1,354
Georgia .....	24,840	23,979	24,883	24,967	24,484	26,050
Kentucky .....	6,104	4,755	5,745	5,962	6,080	6,248
Louisiana .....	3,018	3,011	3,535	3,162	3,052	3,340
Maryland .....	4,424	4,578	7,082	5,292	5,164	4,416
Mississippi .....	13,314	14,007	14,741	13,202	13,819	14,379
Missouri .....	5,949	5,289	4,675	4,523	5,990	6,182
North Carolina .....	14,636	15,424	15,857	15,915	15,345	15,866
Oklahoma .....	3,738	5,038	5,113	5,126	3,473	4,268
Pennsylvania .....	3,118	3,135	2,693	2,915	3,138	3,092
South Carolina .....	3,908	4,886	5,023	4,448	4,878	4,948
Texas .....	11,360	11,115	12,553	12,345	11,628	11,752
Virginia .....	5,532	5,591	4,911	5,262	4,835	5,003
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,340	8,812	8,934	8,897	9,205	10,555
19 State total .....	156,182	153,825	159,971	156,063	157,025	163,251
Percent of previous year .....	103	104	103	103	98	100
Other States .....	5,594	5,885	5,935	5,482	5,548	5,685
United States .....	161,776	159,710	165,906	161,545	162,573	168,936

## 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.

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