



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up 3 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 14, 2013. This was up 3 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 Up 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 14, 2013. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through December 14, 2013 for the 19 State total were 8.18 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 9, 2013	November 16, 2013	November 23, 2013	November 30, 2013	December 7, 2013	December 14, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	26,348	27,886	27,970	28,291	28,275	28,399
Arkansas .....	20,294	21,236	21,163	21,149	21,175	21,013
Delaware .....	4,198	4,241	4,411	4,414	4,433	4,424
Florida .....	1,221	1,221	1,220	1,222	1,223	1,222
Georgia .....	30,872	33,386	33,012	33,497	32,994	34,000
Kentucky .....	7,440	7,891	7,891	7,703	7,701	7,766
Louisiana .....	3,607	3,818	3,622	3,864	3,803	3,849
Maryland .....	7,648	7,940	7,934	7,598	7,718	7,667
Mississippi .....	16,467	17,193	17,063	17,528	17,563	18,022
Missouri .....	7,543	8,491	8,488	8,491	8,466	8,419
North Carolina .....	19,940	20,587	20,521	19,775	20,105	20,384
Oklahoma .....	6,998	7,042	7,093	6,958	6,934	7,008
Pennsylvania .....	3,991	3,937	3,914	4,067	3,863	4,024
South Carolina .....	5,279	5,313	5,244	5,383	4,833	5,023
Texas .....	14,037	14,115	14,271	14,982	13,972	14,453
Virginia .....	6,008	6,494	6,421	6,370	6,373	6,334
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,588	10,601	10,062	10,094	10,219	9,428
19 State total .....	191,479	201,392	200,299	201,386	199,650	201,435
Percent of previous year .....	101	102	102	100	105	103
Other States .....	7,542	7,719	7,839	7,719	7,921	7,891
United States .....	199,021	209,111	208,138	209,105	207,571	209,326

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

State	Week ending					
	November 9, 2013	November 16, 2013	November 23, 2013	November 30, 2013	December 7, 2013	December 14, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	19,650	20,210	18,512	19,735	20,830	20,766
Arkansas .....	17,587	18,330	18,731	19,328	19,770	20,257
Delaware .....	5,670	4,415	5,476	5,402	6,548	5,828
Florida .....	1,298	1,271	1,328	1,469	1,354	1,680
Georgia .....	23,979	24,883	24,967	24,484	26,000	26,231
Kentucky .....	4,755	5,745	5,962	6,080	6,248	5,821
Louisiana .....	3,011	3,535	3,162	3,052	3,340	3,159
Maryland .....	4,578	7,082	5,292	5,895	4,716	5,443
Mississippi .....	14,007	14,741	13,202	13,819	14,411	14,139
Missouri .....	5,287	4,675	4,524	5,991	6,179	6,268
North Carolina .....	15,424	15,857	15,915	15,345	15,866	15,934
Oklahoma .....	5,038	5,113	5,126	3,473	4,268	3,878
Pennsylvania .....	3,135	2,693	2,915	3,138	3,207	3,139
South Carolina .....	4,886	5,023	4,448	4,878	4,948	4,769
Texas .....	11,115	12,553	12,345	11,628	11,752	11,622
Virginia .....	5,591	4,911	5,262	4,835	5,003	5,420
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	8,812	8,934	8,897	9,205	10,555	9,638
19 State total .....	153,823	159,971	156,064	157,757	164,995	163,992
Percent of previous year .....	104	103	103	99	101	101
Other States .....	5,885	5,935	5,482	5,548	5,679	6,008
United States .....	159,708	165,906	161,546	163,305	170,674	170,000

## 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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