



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 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 21, 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 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 21, 2013. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through December 21, 2013 for the 19 State total were 8.35 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 16, 2013	November 23, 2013	November 30, 2013	December 7, 2013	December 14, 2013	December 21, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,886	27,970	28,291	28,275	28,399	28,068
Arkansas	21,236	21,163	21,149	21,175	21,013	20,522
Delaware	4,241	4,411	4,414	4,433	4,418	4,426
Florida	1,221	1,220	1,222	1,223	1,222	1,220
Georgia	33,386	33,012	33,497	32,994	34,000	34,253
Kentucky	7,891	7,890	7,827	7,701	7,766	7,808
Louisiana	3,818	3,622	3,864	3,803	3,849	3,743
Maryland	7,940	7,934	7,598	7,718	7,666	7,640
Mississippi	17,193	17,063	17,528	17,563	18,022	17,695
Missouri	8,491	8,488	8,491	8,466	8,419	8,188
North Carolina	20,587	20,521	19,775	20,105	20,415	20,552
Oklahoma	7,042	7,093	6,958	6,934	7,008	7,025
Pennsylvania	3,937	3,914	4,067	3,863	3,995	3,906
South Carolina	5,313	5,244	5,383	4,833	5,023	5,020
Texas	14,115	14,271	14,982	13,972	14,453	14,220
Virginia	6,494	6,421	6,370	6,373	6,334	6,415
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,601	10,062	10,121	10,219	9,428	10,065
19 State total	201,392	200,299	201,537	199,650	201,430	200,766
Percent of previous year	102	102	100	105	103	102
Other States	7,719	7,839	7,719	7,921	7,822	7,712
United States	209,111	208,138	209,256	207,571	209,252	208,478

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

State	Week ending					
	November 16, 2013	November 23, 2013	November 30, 2013	December 7, 2013	December 14, 2013	December 21, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,210	18,512	19,735	20,830	20,766	20,793
Arkansas	18,330	18,731	19,328	19,770	20,257	20,273
Delaware	4,415	5,476	5,402	6,548	6,054	5,761
Florida	1,271	1,328	1,469	1,354	1,680	1,369
Georgia	24,883	24,967	24,484	26,267	26,231	26,668
Kentucky	5,745	5,962	6,080	6,248	5,860	6,179
Louisiana	3,535	3,162	3,052	3,340	3,159	3,381
Maryland	7,082	5,292	5,895	4,716	4,915	5,530
Mississippi	14,741	13,202	13,819	14,411	14,139	14,574
Missouri	4,675	4,524	5,991	6,179	6,268	6,197
North Carolina	15,857	15,915	15,345	15,866	15,688	16,073
Oklahoma	5,113	5,126	3,473	4,268	3,878	3,904
Pennsylvania	2,693	2,915	3,138	3,207	3,163	3,119
South Carolina	5,023	4,448	4,878	4,948	4,790	4,309
Texas	12,553	12,345	11,628	11,752	11,622	12,243
Virginia	4,911	5,262	4,835	5,003	5,420	5,055
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	8,934	8,897	9,205	10,555	9,638	10,054
19 State total	159,971	156,064	157,757	165,262	163,528	165,482
Percent of previous year	103	103	99	101	100	99
Other States	5,941	5,488	5,553	5,685	6,020	5,589
United States	165,912	161,552	163,310	170,947	169,548	171,071

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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