



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 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 28, 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 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 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 28, 2013. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through December 28, 2013 for the 19 State total were 8.51 million, 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 23, 2013	November 30, 2013	December 7, 2013	December 14, 2013	December 21, 2013	December 28, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,970	28,291	28,275	28,399	28,068	27,867
Arkansas	21,163	21,149	21,175	21,013	20,522	21,055
Delaware	4,411	4,414	4,433	4,418	4,430	4,424
Florida	1,220	1,222	1,223	1,222	1,220	1,220
Georgia	33,012	33,497	32,994	34,000	34,253	33,856
Kentucky	7,876	7,908	7,726	7,766	7,808	7,908
Louisiana	3,622	3,864	3,803	3,849	3,743	3,788
Maryland	7,934	7,598	7,718	7,666	7,640	7,160
Mississippi	17,063	17,528	17,752	18,022	17,695	17,277
Missouri	8,488	8,491	8,466	8,419	8,188	8,261
North Carolina	20,521	19,775	20,105	20,415	20,458	20,305
Oklahoma	7,093	6,958	7,034	7,008	7,025	6,931
Pennsylvania	3,914	4,067	3,863	3,995	3,882	3,837
South Carolina	5,244	5,383	4,833	5,023	5,291	5,255
Texas	14,271	14,982	13,972	14,453	14,220	13,993
Virginia	6,421	6,370	6,373	6,334	6,415	6,571
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,062	10,121	10,216	9,428	9,961	10,484
19 State total	200,285	201,618	199,961	201,430	200,819	200,192
Percent of previous year	102	100	105	103	102	103
Other States	7,839	7,719	7,921	7,822	7,712	7,799
United States	208,124	209,337	207,882	209,252	208,531	207,991

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

State	Week ending					
	November 23, 2013	November 30, 2013	December 7, 2013	December 14, 2013	December 21, 2013	December 28, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	18,512	19,735	20,830	20,766	21,487	22,673
Arkansas	18,731	19,328	19,770	20,257	20,273	20,328
Delaware	5,476	5,402	6,548	6,054	5,621	5,675
Florida	1,328	1,469	1,354	1,680	1,369	1,278
Georgia	24,967	24,484	26,267	26,231	26,312	25,435
Kentucky	5,962	6,080	6,248	6,136	6,434	6,408
Louisiana	3,162	3,052	3,340	3,159	3,381	3,317
Maryland	5,292	5,895	4,716	4,915	5,635	5,752
Mississippi	13,202	13,819	14,411	14,139	14,574	14,678
Missouri	4,524	5,991	6,179	6,268	6,197	5,895
North Carolina	15,915	15,345	15,866	15,688	15,924	15,769
Oklahoma	5,126	3,473	4,268	3,878	3,904	3,593
Pennsylvania	2,915	3,138	3,207	3,163	3,151	3,010
South Carolina	4,448	4,878	4,948	4,790	4,309	4,538
Texas	12,345	11,628	11,752	11,622	12,243	11,778
Virginia	5,262	4,835	5,003	5,657	5,055	4,895
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	8,897	9,205	10,555	9,638	10,109	9,295
19 State total	156,064	157,757	165,262	164,041	165,978	164,317
Percent of previous year	103	99	101	101	99	103
Other States	5,488	5,553	5,685	6,020	5,590	5,414
United States	161,552	163,310	170,947	170,061	171,568	169,731

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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