



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 January 18, 2014. 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 Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 18, 2014. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through January 18, 2014 for the 19 State total were 494 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2013 and 2014

State	Week ending					
	December 14, 2013	December 21, 2013	December 28, 2013	January 4, 2014	January 11, 2014	January 18, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,399	28,068	27,857	28,038	27,916	28,132
Arkansas	21,013	21,117	21,055	21,029	20,787	20,601
Delaware	4,418	4,435	4,396	4,380	4,405	4,407
Florida	1,222	1,220	1,220	1,224	1,224	1,223
Georgia	34,000	34,253	33,957	33,946	33,711	33,376
Kentucky	7,873	7,740	7,952	7,868	7,841	7,301
Louisiana	3,849	3,743	3,788	3,834	3,864	3,864
Maryland	7,666	7,640	7,160	7,001	7,226	7,679
Mississippi	18,022	17,695	17,504	17,687	17,931	17,173
Missouri	8,419	8,188	8,261	8,452	8,476	8,431
North Carolina	20,433	20,202	20,305	20,214	20,048	19,992
Oklahoma	7,008	7,025	6,931	6,896	7,008	7,008
Pennsylvania	3,907	3,882	3,828	3,851	3,825	3,891
South Carolina	5,023	5,291	5,255	5,249	5,169	5,363
Texas	14,442	14,209	13,983	14,557	14,790	14,534
Virginia	6,334	6,415	6,571	6,168	6,448	6,405
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,420	9,971	10,501	8,912	10,434	10,244
19 State total	201,448	201,094	200,524	199,306	201,103	199,624
Percent of previous year	103	102	103	102	103	102
Other States	7,897	7,807	7,958	7,776	7,812	7,940
United States	209,345	208,901	208,482	207,082	208,915	207,564

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2013 and 2014

State	Week ending					
	December 14, 2013	December 21, 2013	December 28, 2013	January 4, 2014	January 11, 2014	January 18, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,766	21,487	22,289	21,323	20,952	21,011
Arkansas	20,257	20,273	20,328	19,126	19,433	19,213
Delaware	5,915	5,641	5,223	5,263	5,059	5,107
Florida	1,680	1,369	1,278	1,349	1,242	1,350
Georgia	26,231	26,312	25,435	27,201	27,899	26,435
Kentucky	6,136	6,434	6,408	6,450	5,520	6,383
Louisiana	3,159	3,381	3,317	3,324	3,241	3,292
Maryland	5,043	5,601	6,119	5,970	5,288	5,131
Mississippi	14,139	14,574	14,678	14,846	14,788	14,820
Missouri	6,268	6,196	5,895	5,164	5,896	5,718
North Carolina	15,688	15,924	15,769	15,362	15,836	16,135
Oklahoma	3,878	3,904	3,593	5,498	4,572	4,922
Pennsylvania	3,163	3,151	3,033	3,109	3,106	3,102
South Carolina	4,790	4,309	4,538	5,041	4,468	5,128
Texas	11,614	12,236	11,771	11,912	11,349	11,388
Virginia	5,657	5,055	4,895	4,814	5,548	5,685
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,719	10,099	9,333	9,007	9,998	9,973
19 State total	164,103	165,946	163,902	164,759	164,195	164,793
Percent of previous year	101	99	103	101	100	102
Other States	6,048	5,574	6,035	6,169	6,043	5,792
United States	170,151	171,520	169,937	170,928	170,238	170,585

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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