



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 197 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 12, 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 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 12, 2013. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through January 12, 2013 were 328 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012 and 2013

State	Week ending					
	December 8, 2012	December 15, 2012	December 22, 2012	December 29, 2012	January 5, 2013	January 12, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,786	27,828	27,872	27,873	28,185	28,021
Arkansas	20,891	21,753	21,622	21,742	21,748	22,011
Delaware	3,414	3,415	3,414	3,411	3,414	3,415
Florida	1,048	1,350	1,353	1,350	1,351	1,348
Georgia	30,251	32,513	32,632	32,233	32,580	31,600
Kentucky	7,389	7,790	7,707	7,352	7,579	7,499
Louisiana	3,273	3,288	3,304	3,288	3,258	3,273
Maryland	7,117	7,186	7,153	7,067	7,212	7,215
Mississippi	17,377	17,174	16,822	16,719	16,549	17,073
Missouri	7,713	7,881	7,898	7,932	7,995	7,997
North Carolina	19,058	19,992	19,978	19,765	19,937	19,898
Oklahoma	6,809	6,479	6,851	6,936	6,935	6,929
Pennsylvania	3,716	3,982	3,897	3,853	3,821	4,052
South Carolina	5,316	4,675	5,462	5,463	4,879	5,264
Texas	13,788	14,233	14,028	14,043	14,377	14,451
Virginia	6,002	6,476	6,490	6,264	6,363	6,342
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,480	9,777	10,567	10,280	10,514	10,239
19 State total	190,428	195,792	197,050	195,571	196,697	196,627
Previous year total	194,887	194,602	195,380	192,967	193,220	193,079
Percent of previous year	98	101	101	101	102	102

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012 and 2013

State	Week ending					
	December 8, 2012	December 15, 2012	December 22, 2012	December 29, 2012	January 5, 2013	January 12, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,160	21,449	21,399	21,054	21,164	21,115
Arkansas	19,134	19,857	19,753	19,236	21,225	20,363
Delaware	3,831	4,086	3,817	3,727	4,181	4,566
Florida	1,369	1,311	1,304	725	1,226	1,399
Georgia	25,978	26,268	27,620	25,480	27,209	26,776
Kentucky	6,122	6,315	5,574	5,798	6,125	6,359
Louisiana	2,940	2,912	2,958	2,937	2,966	2,958
Maryland	6,526	6,035	6,137	7,048	5,860	6,096
Mississippi	14,493	14,989	14,871	15,027	14,757	14,513
Missouri	5,768	5,720	5,589	5,589	5,484	5,382
North Carolina	15,865	16,416	15,819	15,647	16,076	15,890
Oklahoma	5,307	4,734	5,334	4,523	3,579	4,051
Pennsylvania	2,854	2,884	3,035	2,908	3,140	3,214
South Carolina	5,064	4,344	4,763	4,128	3,779	4,899
Texas	11,962	11,831	12,438	11,640	11,966	11,919
Virginia	4,264	4,456	5,147	4,346	4,954	4,835
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,661	9,589	11,508	9,375	9,743	10,212
19 State total	163,298	163,196	167,066	159,188	163,434	164,547
Previous year total	162,541	162,116	162,753	162,444	161,868	162,550
Percent of previous year	100	101	103	98	101	101

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all chicken hatcheries within the 19 States that hatch at least one million chicks a year. The 19 States account for approximately 97 percent of the broilers produced on an annual basis. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries within the 19 States 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 and 19 State totals.

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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