



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 198 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 26, 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 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 26, 2013. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through January 26, 2013 were 652 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 22, 2012	December 29, 2012	January 5, 2013	January 12, 2013	January 19, 2013	January 26, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,872	27,889	28,023	28,027	27,754	27,698
Arkansas	21,622	21,742	21,686	22,002	21,756	21,660
Delaware	3,414	3,411	3,414	3,415	3,414	3,415
Florida	1,353	1,350	1,351	1,348	1,350	1,352
Georgia	32,632	32,233	32,580	31,606	32,584	32,754
Kentucky	7,653	7,231	7,673	7,507	7,752	7,759
Louisiana	3,304	3,288	3,258	3,273	3,273	3,273
Maryland	7,153	7,067	7,212	7,215	7,171	7,237
Mississippi	16,822	16,719	16,549	17,073	16,908	16,971
Missouri	7,898	7,932	7,995	7,997	7,715	7,966
North Carolina	19,978	19,847	19,937	19,898	19,640	20,106
Oklahoma	6,851	6,819	6,935	6,929	6,514	6,922
Pennsylvania	3,897	3,853	3,766	4,009	4,033	3,733
South Carolina	5,462	5,463	4,879	5,264	5,217	5,661
Texas	14,028	14,043	14,377	14,451	14,426	14,531
Virginia	6,490	6,264	6,357	6,342	6,323	6,388
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,767	10,280	10,514	10,240	10,366	10,392
19 State total	197,196	195,431	196,506	196,596	196,196	197,818
Previous year total	195,380	192,967	193,220	193,079	193,909	193,924
Percent of previous year	101	101	102	102	101	102

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

State	Week ending					
	December 22, 2012	December 29, 2012	January 5, 2013	January 12, 2013	January 19, 2013	January 26, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,399	21,054	21,164	20,993	21,227	21,101
Arkansas	19,753	19,236	21,225	20,368	21,231	20,935
Delaware	3,817	3,727	4,181	4,566	3,964	4,776
Florida	1,304	725	1,226	1,536	1,325	1,132
Georgia	27,620	25,480	27,209	26,800	26,886	26,758
Kentucky	5,574	5,798	6,169	6,296	5,931	6,694
Louisiana	2,958	2,937	2,966	2,958	2,972	2,934
Maryland	6,137	7,048	5,860	6,096	6,713	5,456
Mississippi	14,871	15,027	14,757	14,519	14,467	14,208
Missouri	5,589	5,589	5,484	5,382	5,342	5,414
North Carolina	15,819	15,647	16,076	15,890	16,130	16,250
Oklahoma	5,334	4,523	3,579	4,051	3,605	3,437
Pennsylvania	3,035	2,908	3,048	2,960	2,984	3,106
South Carolina	4,763	4,128	3,779	4,252	3,954	3,765
Texas	12,438	11,640	11,966	11,919	11,614	12,097
Virginia	5,147	4,346	4,954	4,835	4,420	5,351
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,508	9,375	9,743	10,214	9,306	9,707
19 State total	167,066	159,188	163,386	163,635	162,071	163,121
Previous year total	162,753	162,444	161,868	162,550	160,522	160,698
Percent of previous year	103	98	101	101	101	102

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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