



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 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 16, 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 in the 19 State Total Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 16, 2013. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through February 16, 2013 for the 19 State total were 1.14 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					
	January 12, 2013	January 19, 2013	January 26, 2013	February 2, 2013	February 9, 2013	February 16, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,683	27,756	27,944	27,912	27,857	28,071
Arkansas	21,822	21,756	21,660	21,888	21,867	21,859
Delaware	3,415	3,414	3,415	3,415	3,415	3,415
Florida	1,220	1,222	1,224	1,222	1,223	1,221
Georgia	31,606	32,584	32,754	32,874	32,989	33,069
Kentucky	7,494	7,294	7,701	7,835	7,771	7,626
Louisiana	3,273	3,273	3,273	3,273	3,273	3,288
Maryland	7,215	7,171	7,237	7,191	7,213	7,198
Mississippi	17,073	16,908	16,971	17,031	17,305	17,272
Missouri	7,997	7,715	7,966	8,107	8,154	8,216
North Carolina	19,941	19,607	19,914	19,984	19,908	20,173
Oklahoma	6,929	6,514	6,922	6,963	7,020	6,992
Pennsylvania	4,009	4,033	3,742	3,632	3,780	3,798
South Carolina	5,264	5,217	5,661	5,554	5,283	5,311
Texas	14,449	14,444	14,548	14,744	14,905	14,804
Virginia	6,342	6,323	6,478	6,379	6,392	6,217
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,272	10,373	10,379	10,018	8,622	10,205
19 State total	196,004	195,604	197,789	198,022	196,977	198,735
Percent of previous year	102	101	102	103	101	102
Other States	7,584	7,586	7,719	7,518	7,611	7,635
United States	203,588	203,190	205,508	205,540	204,588	206,370

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

State	Week ending					
	January 12, 2013	January 19, 2013	January 26, 2013	February 2, 2013	February 9, 2013	February 16, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,034	21,227	21,022	21,020	21,290	21,477
Arkansas	20,390	21,231	20,935	19,916	19,729	19,327
Delaware	4,566	3,964	4,776	3,419	3,891	4,141
Florida	1,536	1,325	1,280	1,384	1,276	1,588
Georgia	26,800	26,886	26,675	25,711	25,750	26,018
Kentucky	6,296	5,931	6,242	6,433	5,954	5,760
Louisiana	2,957	2,972	2,934	2,941	2,951	2,930
Maryland	6,096	6,713	5,456	6,620	5,815	6,310
Mississippi	14,519	14,467	14,208	14,598	14,399	14,572
Missouri	5,382	5,342	5,414	5,655	5,653	5,699
North Carolina	15,890	16,130	16,250	15,577	15,757	15,089
Oklahoma	4,051	3,605	3,437	4,194	4,292	4,882
Pennsylvania	2,964	2,986	3,093	3,160	3,193	3,101
South Carolina	4,252	3,954	3,765	4,516	4,589	5,643
Texas	11,918	11,613	12,095	12,204	12,147	12,100
Virginia	4,835	4,420	5,351	5,247	5,386	4,592
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,281	9,338	9,876	9,601	10,118	10,272
19 State total	163,767	162,104	162,809	162,196	162,190	163,501
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	101	100	101
Other States	5,668	5,408	5,528	5,421	5,575	5,982
United States	169,435	167,512	168,337	167,617	167,765	169,483

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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