



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 23, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 23, 2013. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through February 23, 2013 for the 19 State total were 1.30 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 19, 2013	January 26, 2013	February 2, 2013	February 9, 2013	February 16, 2013	February 23, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,756	27,944	27,947	27,857	28,071	28,189
Arkansas	21,756	21,660	21,754	21,867	21,859	21,848
Delaware	3,414	3,415	3,415	3,415	3,415	3,376
Florida	1,222	1,224	1,222	1,223	1,221	1,223
Georgia	32,584	32,754	32,874	32,989	33,069	33,125
Kentucky	7,294	7,634	7,664	7,810	7,680	7,622
Louisiana	3,273	3,273	3,273	3,273	3,288	3,349
Maryland	7,171	7,237	7,191	7,213	7,198	7,213
Mississippi	16,908	16,971	17,031	17,305	17,272	17,606
Missouri	7,715	7,966	8,107	8,154	8,216	8,105
North Carolina	19,607	19,914	19,766	19,908	20,173	20,316
Oklahoma	6,514	6,922	6,963	7,020	6,992	6,837
Pennsylvania	4,033	3,551	3,632	3,780	3,806	3,858
South Carolina	5,217	5,661	5,554	5,283	5,311	5,492
Texas	14,444	14,548	14,744	14,905	14,804	15,017
Virginia	6,323	6,478	6,378	6,392	6,217	6,188
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,373	10,379	10,018	8,622	10,205	10,133
19 State total	195,604	197,531	197,533	197,016	198,797	199,497
Percent of previous year	101	102	102	101	102	102
Other States	7,659	7,798	7,612	7,753	7,770	7,795
United States	203,263	205,329	205,145	204,769	206,567	207,292

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

State	Week ending					
	January 19, 2013	January 26, 2013	February 2, 2013	February 9, 2013	February 16, 2013	February 23, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,227	21,022	21,020	21,285	21,471	21,562
Arkansas	21,231	20,935	19,896	19,729	19,327	20,154
Delaware	3,964	4,776	3,419	3,891	4,141	3,985
Florida	1,325	1,280	1,384	1,276	1,588	1,194
Georgia	26,886	26,675	25,711	25,750	25,981	26,446
Kentucky	5,931	6,242	6,433	5,970	5,719	5,961
Louisiana	2,972	2,934	2,941	2,951	2,930	2,964
Maryland	6,713	5,456	6,620	5,815	6,310	5,684
Mississippi	14,467	14,208	14,598	14,389	14,553	14,629
Missouri	5,342	5,414	5,655	5,653	5,699	5,630
North Carolina	16,130	16,250	15,577	15,757	15,464	15,919
Oklahoma	3,605	3,437	4,848	4,292	4,882	4,400
Pennsylvania	2,986	3,093	3,160	3,193	2,778	3,024
South Carolina	3,954	3,765	4,516	4,589	5,643	4,572
Texas	11,613	12,095	12,204	12,147	12,100	12,326
Virginia	4,420	5,351	5,247	5,386	4,592	5,454
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,338	9,876	9,601	10,118	10,272	9,710
19 State total	162,104	162,809	162,830	162,191	163,450	163,614
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	100	101	102
Other States	5,445	5,564	5,461	5,642	6,046	5,827
United States	167,549	168,373	168,291	167,833	169,496	169,441

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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