



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up Slightly**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 6, 2013. This was up slightly 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 Slightly**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 6, 2013. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through April 6, 2013 for the 19 State total were 2.29 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					
	March 2, 2013	March 9, 2013	March 16, 2013	March 23, 2013	March 30, 2013	April 6, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	27,971	27,539	28,212	28,131	28,369	28,140
Arkansas .....	21,816	21,772	21,156	21,080	21,718	21,500
Delaware .....	3,415	3,409	3,412	3,323	3,413	3,411
Florida .....	1,221	1,221	1,221	1,220	1,221	1,225
Georgia .....	33,177	33,057	33,182	32,852	32,702	32,908
Kentucky .....	7,773	7,778	7,799	7,470	7,780	7,764
Louisiana .....	3,364	3,379	3,395	3,455	3,531	3,500
Maryland .....	7,254	7,453	7,457	7,399	7,625	7,407
Mississippi .....	17,516	16,957	17,869	17,593	17,741	17,906
Missouri .....	8,110	8,268	7,938	8,126	8,027	7,686
North Carolina .....	20,312	20,085	19,926	19,795	20,350	20,022
Oklahoma .....	6,918	6,478	6,471	6,969	6,393	6,653
Pennsylvania .....	3,760	3,983	3,772	3,890	3,718	3,921
South Carolina .....	5,417	5,333	5,275	5,346	5,373	5,365
Texas .....	15,162	15,213	15,241	15,162	14,651	14,535
Virginia .....	6,396	6,678	6,653	6,518	6,591	6,622
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,389	10,585	11,233	11,323	11,074	10,795
19 State total .....	199,971	199,188	200,212	199,652	200,277	199,360
Percent of previous year .....	101	100	101	102	101	100
Other States .....	7,923	7,989	8,001	8,230	7,981	7,820
United States .....	207,894	207,177	208,213	207,882	208,258	207,180

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

State	Week ending					
	March 2, 2013	March 9, 2013	March 16, 2013	March 23, 2013	March 30, 2013	April 6, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,731	20,548	21,200	21,182	20,553	21,761
Arkansas .....	20,311	20,875	20,533	20,406	21,409	20,019
Delaware .....	3,818	4,419	3,583	4,602	3,808	4,438
Florida .....	1,089	1,488	1,224	1,141	1,291	1,224
Georgia .....	26,310	27,148	27,044	26,878	26,254	26,408
Kentucky .....	5,731	6,481	6,240	6,691	5,585	6,315
Louisiana .....	2,967	2,968	3,020	2,994	3,288	3,056
Maryland .....	6,713	6,163	6,281	5,503	6,642	5,331
Mississippi .....	14,814	14,731	14,961	14,896	14,374	15,113
Missouri .....	5,172	5,144	5,502	5,769	5,560	5,416
North Carolina .....	15,780	16,412	16,208	16,298	15,778	15,739
Oklahoma .....	4,996	4,797	4,364	4,171	3,390	4,005
Pennsylvania .....	2,977	2,992	3,011	2,947	3,118	3,040
South Carolina .....	4,436	4,442	3,894	3,898	4,811	4,644
Texas .....	12,435	12,194	12,425	12,471	12,133	12,612
Virginia .....	5,024	4,451	5,087	4,856	4,454	5,851
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,259	9,490	10,135	9,854	11,250	10,277
19 State total .....	162,563	164,743	164,712	164,557	163,698	165,249
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	101	100	99	100
Other States .....	5,925	5,866	5,508	5,767	5,690	5,837
United States .....	168,488	170,609	170,220	170,324	169,388	171,086

## 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.

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