



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 10, 2013. This was up 5 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 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 10, 2013. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through August 10, 2013 for the 19 State total were 5.28 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					
	July 6, 2013	July 13, 2013	July 20, 2013	July 27, 2013	August 3, 2013	August 10, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,160	28,324	28,435	28,114	28,059	28,438
Arkansas	21,784	21,859	21,223	21,643	20,787	21,338
Delaware	3,688	3,690	3,692	3,691	3,692	3,692
Florida	1,222	1,225	1,223	1,225	1,222	1,224
Georgia	33,551	33,766	34,162	33,353	33,704	33,873
Kentucky	8,028	8,075	7,897	7,996	8,069	7,974
Louisiana	3,486	3,485	3,485	3,485	3,485	3,727
Maryland	7,497	7,558	7,606	7,631	7,492	7,678
Mississippi	17,876	17,905	17,088	17,770	16,982	17,361
Missouri	8,226	7,901	8,357	8,201	8,228	8,417
North Carolina	20,424	20,044	19,685	20,444	20,466	20,236
Oklahoma	6,836	6,698	6,914	6,828	6,824	6,815
Pennsylvania	4,022	4,010	3,979	3,878	4,024	4,224
South Carolina	5,381	5,267	5,274	5,110	5,152	5,362
Texas	14,954	15,060	14,734	14,916	14,671	14,731
Virginia	6,558	6,529	6,396	6,391	6,320	6,352
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,809	11,341	10,169	10,496	10,571	10,618
19 State total	202,502	202,737	200,319	201,172	199,748	202,060
Percent of previous year	105	103	103	103	102	105
Other States	7,946	7,779	7,897	7,862	7,824	7,901
United States	210,448	210,516	208,216	209,034	207,572	209,961

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

State	Week ending					
	July 6, 2013	July 13, 2013	July 20, 2013	July 27, 2013	August 3, 2013	August 10, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,391	21,621	22,343	21,302	21,354	21,678
Arkansas	20,458	19,637	20,104	19,843	21,006	19,148
Delaware	4,694	4,722	4,240	4,708	4,261	4,785
Florida	1,439	1,303	1,212	1,385	1,259	1,352
Georgia	26,355	27,607	26,274	27,585	27,933	27,766
Kentucky	6,084	6,471	6,036	5,693	6,324	6,053
Louisiana	3,035	3,169	3,178	3,088	3,142	3,117
Maryland	5,805	6,068	6,903	5,298	6,177	6,268
Mississippi	14,610	15,186	14,703	15,225	15,224	14,417
Missouri	5,216	5,433	5,412	5,870	5,113	6,239
North Carolina	16,492	16,053	15,856	16,024	15,651	15,439
Oklahoma	5,525	4,692	4,716	4,569	4,023	4,662
Pennsylvania	3,108	3,063	2,958	2,809	3,063	3,060
South Carolina	4,775	4,430	4,916	4,570	4,423	4,496
Texas	12,295	12,422	11,951	12,775	12,604	12,402
Virginia	5,287	5,162	4,647	5,848	5,235	4,752
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,292	10,088	10,123	10,739	11,248	10,011
19 State total	167,861	167,127	165,572	167,331	168,040	165,645
Percent of previous year	102	102	101	104	103	102
Other States	5,905	5,798	5,989	6,205	5,722	5,843
United States	173,766	172,925	171,561	173,536	173,762	171,488

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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