



# 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 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 17, 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 17, 2013. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through August 17, 2013 for the 19 State total were 5.45 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 13, 2013	July 20, 2013	July 27, 2013	August 3, 2013	August 10, 2013	August 17, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,324	28,435	28,154	28,059	28,438	28,426
Arkansas .....	21,859	21,223	21,582	20,748	21,278	21,100
Delaware .....	3,690	3,692	3,691	3,692	3,692	3,692
Florida .....	1,225	1,223	1,225	1,222	1,224	1,224
Georgia .....	33,766	34,162	33,353	33,704	33,873	33,892
Kentucky .....	8,075	7,891	7,996	8,069	7,974	8,004
Louisiana .....	3,485	3,485	3,485	3,485	3,727	3,621
Maryland .....	7,558	7,606	7,631	7,492	7,678	7,688
Mississippi .....	17,905	17,088	17,662	16,982	17,361	16,789
Missouri .....	7,901	8,357	8,201	8,228	8,417	8,417
North Carolina .....	20,044	19,685	20,444	20,466	20,236	20,377
Oklahoma .....	6,698	6,914	6,828	6,824	6,815	6,464
Pennsylvania .....	4,010	3,979	3,878	4,024	4,317	4,061
South Carolina .....	5,267	5,274	5,110	5,152	5,362	5,355
Texas .....	15,060	14,734	14,916	14,671	14,731	14,377
Virginia .....	6,529	6,396	6,391	6,320	6,352	6,410
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,341	10,169	10,505	10,571	10,618	10,833
19 State total .....	202,737	200,313	201,052	199,709	202,093	200,730
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	102	102	105	105
Other States .....	7,779	7,897	7,862	7,883	7,967	8,036
United States .....	210,516	208,210	208,914	207,592	210,060	208,766

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

State	Week ending					
	July 13, 2013	July 20, 2013	July 27, 2013	August 3, 2013	August 10, 2013	August 17, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,621	22,343	21,302	21,354	21,678	21,618
Arkansas .....	19,637	20,104	20,091	21,472	19,662	20,332
Delaware .....	4,722	4,240	4,708	4,261	4,933	4,988
Florida .....	1,303	1,212	1,385	1,259	1,352	1,524
Georgia .....	27,823	26,382	27,585	27,933	27,408	26,604
Kentucky .....	6,471	6,036	5,693	6,324	6,109	6,450
Louisiana .....	3,169	3,178	3,088	3,142	3,117	3,110
Maryland .....	6,068	6,903	5,298	6,177	6,238	5,190
Mississippi .....	15,186	14,703	15,225	15,224	14,417	14,990
Missouri .....	5,433	5,412	5,870	5,113	6,239	5,865
North Carolina .....	16,053	15,856	16,024	15,651	15,439	15,446
Oklahoma .....	4,692	4,716	4,331	3,617	4,197	4,069
Pennsylvania .....	3,063	2,958	2,809	3,063	2,954	3,054
South Carolina .....	4,430	4,916	4,570	4,423	4,496	4,134
Texas .....	12,422	11,951	12,775	12,604	12,402	12,563
Virginia .....	5,162	4,647	5,848	5,235	4,752	5,733
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,088	10,123	10,739	11,248	10,004	10,121
19 State total .....	167,343	165,680	167,341	168,100	165,397	165,791
Percent of previous year .....	102	101	104	103	102	102
Other States .....	5,798	5,989	6,205	5,722	5,856	5,610
United States .....	173,141	171,669	173,546	173,822	171,253	171,401

## 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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