



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 24, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 24, 2013. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through August 24, 2013 for the 19 State total were 5.61 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 20, 2013	July 27, 2013	August 3, 2013	August 10, 2013	August 17, 2013	August 24, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,435	28,154	27,883	28,438	28,426	27,974
Arkansas	21,223	21,703	20,809	21,278	21,100	21,548
Delaware	3,692	3,691	3,692	3,692	3,692	3,692
Florida	1,223	1,225	1,222	1,224	1,224	1,223
Georgia	34,162	33,353	33,704	33,873	33,892	32,570
Kentucky	7,891	7,945	8,069	7,974	8,004	8,077
Louisiana	3,485	3,485	3,485	3,727	3,621	3,727
Maryland	7,606	7,631	7,492	7,678	7,688	7,721
Mississippi	17,088	17,662	16,891	17,361	16,789	16,762
Missouri	8,357	8,201	8,228	8,417	8,417	8,428
North Carolina	19,685	20,444	20,333	20,236	20,377	20,568
Oklahoma	6,914	6,828	6,824	6,815	6,464	6,962
Pennsylvania	3,979	3,878	4,024	4,317	4,100	4,112
South Carolina	5,274	5,110	5,152	5,362	5,355	5,374
Texas	14,734	14,916	14,671	14,731	14,377	14,957
Virginia	6,396	6,391	6,315	6,352	6,410	6,435
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,169	10,505	10,578	10,618	10,833	10,991
19 State total	200,313	201,122	199,372	202,093	200,769	201,121
Percent of previous year	103	103	102	105	105	105
Other States	7,947	7,862	7,883	7,967	8,026	7,998
United States	208,260	208,984	207,255	210,060	208,795	209,119

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

State	Week ending					
	July 20, 2013	July 27, 2013	August 3, 2013	August 10, 2013	August 17, 2013	August 24, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,343	21,302	21,354	21,678	21,618	21,349
Arkansas	20,104	20,091	21,472	19,662	20,332	18,866
Delaware	4,240	4,708	4,261	4,933	5,053	4,897
Florida	1,212	1,385	1,259	1,352	1,524	1,317
Georgia	26,382	27,585	27,933	27,408	26,604	26,945
Kentucky	6,036	5,693	6,324	6,109	6,358	6,134
Louisiana	3,178	3,088	3,142	3,117	3,110	3,101
Maryland	6,903	5,298	6,177	6,238	5,272	5,707
Mississippi	14,703	15,225	15,224	14,417	14,990	14,383
Missouri	5,412	5,870	5,113	6,239	5,865	5,592
North Carolina	15,856	16,024	15,651	15,439	15,446	15,525
Oklahoma	4,716	4,282	3,568	4,148	4,077	5,149
Pennsylvania	2,958	2,809	3,063	2,954	2,865	2,985
South Carolina	4,916	4,570	4,423	4,496	4,232	4,542
Texas	11,951	12,775	12,604	12,460	12,563	12,368
Virginia	4,647	5,848	5,235	4,752	5,733	5,119
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,123	10,739	11,248	10,004	10,121	10,411
19 State total	165,680	167,292	168,051	165,406	165,763	164,390
Percent of previous year	101	104	103	102	102	101
Other States	5,989	6,205	5,722	5,891	5,475	5,767
United States	171,669	173,497	173,773	171,297	171,238	170,157

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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