



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 193 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 26, 2013. This was up 3 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 Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 153 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 26, 2013. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through October 26, 2013 for the 19 State total were 7.07 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					
	September 21, 2013	September 28, 2013	October 5, 2013	October 12, 2013	October 19, 2013	October 26, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,271	27,233	24,686	26,604	26,386	26,099
Arkansas	19,905	20,713	20,494	19,519	19,004	19,587
Delaware	3,603	3,515	3,927	4,283	4,105	4,288
Florida	911	1,225	1,223	1,222	1,223	1,224
Georgia	32,003	32,400	30,074	32,519	30,888	32,165
Kentucky	7,430	7,897	7,526	7,958	7,351	7,357
Louisiana	3,682	3,667	3,341	3,284	3,470	3,552
Maryland	7,765	7,910	7,645	7,917	7,399	7,793
Mississippi	16,028	16,107	14,372	15,712	16,273	16,358
Missouri	7,791	8,049	7,607	8,427	8,070	7,678
North Carolina	19,474	20,315	19,711	18,722	19,671	20,011
Oklahoma	6,718	6,917	7,015	6,337	6,609	6,685
Pennsylvania	3,994	3,797	4,226	3,873	3,707	3,483
South Carolina	5,004	5,242	4,749	5,030	5,111	5,390
Texas	13,840	14,046	12,960	13,850	13,370	15,060
Virginia	6,145	6,437	5,901	6,370	6,451	6,661
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,626	10,148	10,404	9,533	8,723	9,983
19 State total	191,190	195,618	185,861	191,160	187,811	193,374
Percent of previous year	102	106	99	105	105	103
Other States	7,429	7,215	7,169	7,508	7,589	7,503
United States	198,619	202,833	193,030	198,668	195,400	200,877

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

State	Week ending					
	September 21, 2013	September 28, 2013	October 5, 2013	October 12, 2013	October 19, 2013	October 26, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,314	19,754	20,665	20,786	20,510	18,120
Arkansas	19,849	20,149	19,756	18,435	19,797	18,190
Delaware	4,533	4,594	4,346	4,768	4,415	4,827
Florida	1,346	1,226	1,452	1,054	1,109	1,306
Georgia	26,983	26,514	26,657	25,108	26,605	24,101
Kentucky	6,496	6,328	6,218	5,620	6,026	6,101
Louisiana	3,365	3,131	3,062	3,249	3,234	2,845
Maryland	6,377	5,692	5,586	5,031	6,282	6,130
Mississippi	14,141	13,261	14,170	13,636	13,655	12,278
Missouri	5,609	5,527	6,542	5,471	5,545	5,116
North Carolina	15,623	15,956	14,348	14,921	16,355	15,488
Oklahoma	4,916	4,433	3,110	4,531	3,962	5,410
Pennsylvania	3,070	3,059	2,995	2,961	2,737	3,273
South Carolina	4,650	4,312	4,672	4,348	4,772	4,518
Texas	12,192	12,032	10,464	11,593	11,937	11,126
Virginia	5,045	4,986	4,968	5,778	4,820	4,629
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,263	9,697	10,024	9,596	9,515	9,748
19 State total	164,772	160,651	159,035	156,886	161,276	153,206
Percent of previous year	103	104	103	101	105	98
Other States	5,891	6,011	5,548	5,533	5,382	5,219
United States	170,663	166,662	164,583	162,419	166,658	158,425

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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