



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up 2 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 4, 2014. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 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 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 4, 2014. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2013 and 2014

State	Week ending					
	November 30, 2013	December 7, 2013	December 14, 2013	December 21, 2013	December 28, 2013	January 4, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,291	28,275	28,399	28,068	27,857	28,038
Arkansas .....	21,149	21,175	21,013	20,522	21,055	21,029
Delaware .....	4,414	4,433	4,418	4,430	4,392	4,411
Florida .....	1,222	1,223	1,222	1,220	1,220	1,224
Georgia .....	33,497	32,994	34,000	34,253	33,856	33,946
Kentucky .....	7,908	7,726	7,766	7,808	7,908	7,927
Louisiana .....	3,864	3,803	3,849	3,743	3,788	3,834
Maryland .....	7,598	7,718	7,666	7,640	7,160	7,001
Mississippi .....	17,528	17,752	18,022	17,695	17,504	17,677
Missouri .....	8,491	8,466	8,419	8,188	8,261	8,452
North Carolina .....	19,775	20,105	20,433	20,202	20,305	20,214
Oklahoma .....	6,958	7,034	7,008	7,025	6,931	6,896
Pennsylvania .....	4,067	3,863	3,907	3,882	3,830	3,842
South Carolina .....	5,383	4,833	5,023	5,291	5,255	5,249
Texas .....	14,972	13,962	14,442	14,209	13,983	14,593
Virginia .....	6,370	6,373	6,334	6,415	6,571	6,168
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,121	10,216	9,420	9,961	10,484	8,926
19 State total .....	201,608	199,951	201,341	200,552	200,360	199,427
Percent of previous year .....	100	105	103	102	103	102
Other States .....	7,719	7,921	7,822	7,712	7,866	7,788
United States .....	209,327	207,872	209,163	208,264	208,226	207,215

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2013 and 2014

State	Week ending					
	November 30, 2013	December 7, 2013	December 14, 2013	December 21, 2013	December 28, 2013	January 4, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	19,735	20,830	20,766	21,487	22,289	21,311
Arkansas .....	19,328	19,770	20,257	20,273	20,328	19,288
Delaware .....	5,402	6,548	6,054	5,621	5,137	5,469
Florida .....	1,469	1,354	1,680	1,369	1,278	1,349
Georgia .....	24,484	26,267	26,231	26,312	25,435	27,212
Kentucky .....	6,080	6,248	6,136	6,434	6,408	6,450
Louisiana .....	3,052	3,340	3,159	3,381	3,317	3,324
Maryland .....	5,895	4,716	4,915	5,635	6,179	5,735
Mississippi .....	13,819	14,411	14,139	14,574	14,678	14,850
Missouri .....	5,991	6,179	6,268	6,196	5,895	5,163
North Carolina .....	15,345	15,866	15,688	15,924	15,769	15,362
Oklahoma .....	3,473	4,268	3,878	3,904	3,593	5,498
Pennsylvania .....	3,138	3,207	3,163	3,151	3,033	3,077
South Carolina .....	4,878	4,948	4,790	4,309	4,538	5,041
Texas .....	11,628	11,744	11,614	12,236	11,771	11,911
Virginia .....	4,835	5,003	5,657	5,055	4,895	4,814
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,205	10,555	9,638	10,109	9,291	9,010
19 State total .....	157,757	165,254	164,033	165,970	163,834	164,864
Percent of previous year .....	99	101	101	99	103	101
Other States .....	5,553	5,685	6,020	5,578	6,043	6,407
United States .....	163,310	170,939	170,053	171,548	169,877	171,271

## 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.

**Revision Policy:** Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

**Reliability:** Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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