



# 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 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 11, 2014. This was up 3 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 Slightly**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 11, 2014. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through January 11, 2014 for the 19 State total were 329 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	December 7, 2013	December 14, 2013	December 21, 2013	December 28, 2013	January 4, 2014	January 11, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,275	28,399	28,068	27,857	28,038	27,841
Arkansas .....	21,175	21,013	21,117	21,055	21,029	20,787
Delaware .....	4,433	4,418	4,435	4,396	4,380	4,388
Florida .....	1,223	1,222	1,220	1,220	1,224	1,224
Georgia .....	32,994	34,000	34,253	33,856	33,946	33,711
Kentucky .....	7,726	7,766	7,808	7,908	7,927	7,841
Louisiana .....	3,803	3,849	3,743	3,788	3,834	3,864
Maryland .....	7,718	7,666	7,640	7,160	7,001	7,226
Mississippi .....	17,752	18,022	17,695	17,504	17,687	17,931
Missouri .....	8,466	8,419	8,188	8,261	8,452	8,476
North Carolina .....	20,105	20,433	20,202	20,305	20,214	20,048
Oklahoma .....	7,034	7,008	7,025	6,931	6,896	7,008
Pennsylvania .....	3,863	3,907	3,882	3,830	3,851	3,866
South Carolina .....	4,833	5,023	5,291	5,255	5,249	5,169
Texas .....	13,962	14,442	14,209	13,983	14,557	14,790
Virginia .....	6,373	6,334	6,415	6,571	6,168	6,448
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,120	9,420	9,971	10,501	8,912	10,434
19 State total .....	199,855	201,341	201,162	200,381	199,365	201,052
Percent of previous year .....	105	103	102	103	102	103
Other States .....	7,921	7,897	7,807	7,948	7,776	7,812
United States .....	207,776	209,238	208,969	208,329	207,141	208,864

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

State	Week ending					
	December 7, 2013	December 14, 2013	December 21, 2013	December 28, 2013	January 4, 2014	January 11, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,830	20,766	21,487	22,289	21,323	20,934
Arkansas .....	19,770	20,257	20,273	20,328	19,126	19,433
Delaware .....	6,548	5,915	5,641	5,223	5,263	5,072
Florida .....	1,354	1,680	1,369	1,278	1,349	1,242
Georgia .....	26,267	26,231	26,312	25,435	27,201	27,899
Kentucky .....	6,248	6,136	6,434	6,408	6,450	5,520
Louisiana .....	3,340	3,159	3,381	3,317	3,324	3,241
Maryland .....	4,716	5,043	5,601	6,119	5,970	5,325
Mississippi .....	14,411	14,139	14,574	14,678	14,846	14,788
Missouri .....	6,179	6,268	6,196	5,895	5,164	5,896
North Carolina .....	15,866	15,688	15,924	15,769	15,362	15,836
Oklahoma .....	4,268	3,878	3,904	3,593	5,498	4,572
Pennsylvania .....	3,207	3,163	3,151	3,033	3,109	3,037
South Carolina .....	4,948	4,790	4,309	4,538	5,041	4,468
Texas .....	11,744	11,614	12,236	11,771	11,912	11,349
Virginia .....	5,003	5,657	5,055	4,895	4,814	5,548
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,530	9,719	10,099	9,333	9,007	9,998
19 State total .....	165,229	164,103	165,946	163,902	164,759	164,158
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	99	103	101	100
Other States .....	5,685	6,048	5,574	6,035	6,169	6,043
United States .....	170,914	170,151	171,520	169,937	170,928	170,201

## 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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