



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 196 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 30, 2012. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 30, 2012. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 were 4.27 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	May 26, 2012	June 2, 2012	June 9, 2012	June 16, 2012	June 23, 2012	June 30, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,321	28,329	28,292	27,872	27,279	27,938
Arkansas	21,553	21,790	21,492	21,354	20,870	20,765
Delaware	3,699	3,710	3,547	3,519	3,557	3,570
Florida	1,353	1,352	1,350	1,351	1,353	1,352
Georgia	32,656	33,032	32,466	32,496	31,982	31,697
Kentucky	7,893	7,875	7,714	7,676	7,442	7,418
Louisiana	3,409	3,500	3,439	3,409	3,303	3,440
Maryland	7,388	7,672	7,194	7,483	7,456	7,401
Mississippi	18,078	18,065	18,181	17,404	17,938	17,823
Missouri	7,989	7,988	8,023	7,635	7,196	7,774
North Carolina	19,953	20,166	19,844	19,508	19,494	19,559
Oklahoma	7,133	6,801	7,024	6,600	6,473	6,550
Pennsylvania	3,838	3,840	3,789	3,781	3,651	3,667
South Carolina	5,277	5,091	5,558	5,066	5,299	5,559
Texas	15,070	15,039	14,790	14,550	14,563	14,270
Virginia	6,353	6,425	6,325	6,252	6,219	6,340
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,060	10,756	10,589	10,736	10,947	11,091
19 State total	201,023	201,431	199,617	196,692	195,022	196,214
Previous year total	205,932	205,234	204,659	199,826	198,340	197,158
Percent of previous year	98	98	98	98	98	100

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	May 26, 2012	June 2, 2012	June 9, 2012	June 16, 2012	June 23, 2012	June 30, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,482	20,128	20,717	20,257	20,419	20,806
Arkansas	20,303	20,800	20,656	20,394	19,950	19,902
Delaware	3,733	4,235	4,333	4,764	5,003	3,787
Florida	1,333	1,285	1,175	1,260	1,058	1,079
Georgia	28,532	27,656	27,682	28,166	28,024	27,179
Kentucky	6,768	6,305	6,213	6,571	6,269	6,536
Louisiana	3,111	3,084	3,077	3,240	3,327	3,066
Maryland	6,367	6,528	5,864	5,801	6,164	6,947
Mississippi	15,401	15,672	15,208	15,594	15,432	15,520
Missouri	5,387	5,186	5,408	6,084	5,727	5,954
North Carolina	16,820	16,227	16,345	16,154	16,322	15,485
Oklahoma	4,156	4,315	4,430	3,636	4,749	4,527
Pennsylvania	2,993	3,007	3,023	3,054	3,092	3,149
South Carolina	3,766	4,623	4,937	4,676	4,803	5,077
Texas	12,345	12,171	12,083	12,322	12,145	12,303
Virginia	5,009	5,021	5,264	4,922	4,526	4,900
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,618	10,341	10,856	10,514	10,683	9,487
19 State total	167,124	166,584	167,271	167,409	167,693	165,704
Previous year total	172,753	171,318	169,855	168,765	168,554	168,718
Percent of previous year	97	97	98	99	99	98

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all chicken hatcheries within the 19 States that hatch at least one million chicks a year. The 19 States account for approximately 97 percent of the broilers produced on an annual basis. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries within the 19 States 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 and 19 State totals.

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