



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 194 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 7, 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 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 7, 2012. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through July 7, 2012 were 4.44 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	June 2, 2012	June 9, 2012	June 16, 2012	June 23, 2012	June 30, 2012	July 7, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,329	28,292	27,724	28,279	27,846	27,265
Arkansas	21,790	21,703	21,354	20,870	20,976	20,334
Delaware	3,710	3,547	3,519	3,557	3,570	3,371
Florida	1,352	1,350	1,351	1,353	1,352	1,353
Georgia	33,032	32,466	32,496	31,982	31,697	32,539
Kentucky	7,875	7,714	7,661	7,442	7,418	7,450
Louisiana	3,500	3,439	3,254	3,303	3,440	3,134
Maryland	7,672	7,194	7,483	7,456	7,401	7,045
Mississippi	18,065	18,181	17,404	17,938	17,823	17,504
Missouri	7,988	8,023	7,635	7,196	7,774	7,388
North Carolina	20,166	19,844	19,509	19,494	19,559	19,825
Oklahoma	6,801	7,024	6,600	6,473	6,550	6,798
Pennsylvania	3,840	3,789	3,781	3,651	3,600	3,826
South Carolina	5,091	5,558	5,066	5,299	5,559	5,306
Texas	15,039	14,790	14,550	14,563	14,270	14,156
Virginia	6,425	6,325	6,252	6,219	6,340	6,101
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,826	10,614	10,764	10,974	11,118	10,715
19 State total	201,501	199,853	196,403	196,049	196,293	194,110
Previous year total	205,234	204,659	199,826	198,340	197,158	194,961
Percent of previous year	98	98	98	99	100	100

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	June 2, 2012	June 9, 2012	June 16, 2012	June 23, 2012	June 30, 2012	July 7, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,128	20,717	20,257	20,419	20,806	19,941
Arkansas	20,800	20,656	20,394	19,950	19,778	19,918
Delaware	4,235	4,333	4,764	5,003	3,787	4,720
Florida	1,285	1,175	1,260	1,058	1,079	1,234
Georgia	27,656	27,682	28,166	28,024	27,185	26,632
Kentucky	6,305	6,213	6,571	6,269	6,536	5,851
Louisiana	3,084	3,077	3,240	3,327	3,066	2,913
Maryland	6,528	5,864	5,801	6,164	6,947	5,716
Mississippi	15,672	15,208	15,594	15,432	15,520	14,915
Missouri	5,186	5,408	6,084	5,727	5,954	5,111
North Carolina	16,227	16,345	16,154	16,322	15,485	15,839
Oklahoma	4,315	4,430	3,636	4,749	4,776	4,111
Pennsylvania	3,007	3,023	3,054	3,092	3,014	3,158
South Carolina	4,623	4,937	4,676	4,803	5,077	4,831
Texas	12,171	12,083	12,322	12,145	12,303	12,142
Virginia	5,021	5,264	4,922	4,526	4,900	4,294
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,341	10,899	10,540	10,735	9,519	11,849
19 State total	166,584	167,314	167,435	167,745	165,732	163,175
Previous year total	171,318	169,855	168,765	168,554	168,718	165,957
Percent of previous year	97	99	99	100	98	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.

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.

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