



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 July 14, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 14, 2012. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through July 14, 2012 were 4.60 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	June 9, 2012	June 16, 2012	June 23, 2012	June 30, 2012	July 7, 2012	July 14, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,292	27,724	28,068	27,846	27,265	27,946
Arkansas	21,703	21,421	20,870	20,976	20,387	19,742
Delaware	3,547	3,519	3,557	3,570	3,371	3,295
Florida	1,350	1,351	1,353	1,352	1,353	1,352
Georgia	32,466	32,496	31,982	31,697	32,539	32,471
Kentucky	7,714	7,744	6,960	7,418	7,450	7,743
Louisiana	3,439	3,254	3,303	3,440	3,134	3,409
Maryland	7,194	7,483	7,456	7,401	7,045	7,351
Mississippi	18,181	17,404	17,938	17,823	17,504	18,063
Missouri	8,023	7,635	7,196	7,774	7,388	8,068
North Carolina	19,844	19,509	19,662	19,559	19,825	19,816
Oklahoma	7,024	6,600	6,473	6,550	6,798	6,465
Pennsylvania	3,789	3,781	3,651	3,600	3,616	3,731
South Carolina	5,558	5,066	5,299	5,559	5,306	5,298
Texas	14,801	14,533	14,546	14,253	14,139	14,587
Virginia	6,325	6,252	6,219	6,340	6,101	5,919
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,614	10,764	10,974	11,118	10,715	10,601
19 State total	199,864	196,536	195,507	196,276	193,936	195,857
Previous year total	204,659	199,826	198,340	197,158	194,961	196,576
Percent of previous year	98	98	99	100	99	100

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	June 9, 2012	June 16, 2012	June 23, 2012	June 30, 2012	July 7, 2012	July 14, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,717	20,257	20,419	20,806	19,941	20,304
Arkansas	20,656	20,394	19,950	19,778	20,381	19,209
Delaware	4,333	4,764	5,003	3,787	4,720	4,989
Florida	1,175	1,261	1,058	1,079	1,234	1,168
Georgia	27,682	28,166	28,025	27,187	26,575	26,809
Kentucky	6,213	6,571	6,269	6,536	5,929	5,604
Louisiana	3,077	3,240	3,327	3,066	2,913	2,961
Maryland	5,864	5,801	6,164	6,947	5,716	5,582
Mississippi	15,208	15,594	15,432	15,520	14,915	15,487
Missouri	5,408	6,084	5,727	5,952	5,111	5,064
North Carolina	16,345	16,154	16,322	15,485	15,844	15,714
Oklahoma	4,430	3,636	4,749	4,776	4,248	4,343
Pennsylvania	3,023	3,054	3,092	3,014	3,020	3,028
South Carolina	4,937	4,676	4,803	5,077	4,831	4,524
Texas	12,093	12,331	12,155	12,312	12,129	12,155
Virginia	5,264	4,922	4,526	4,900	4,294	4,712
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,899	10,540	10,735	9,519	11,849	11,189
19 State total	167,324	167,445	167,756	165,741	163,650	162,842
Previous year total	169,855	168,765	168,554	168,718	165,957	164,445
Percent of previous year	99	99	100	98	99	99

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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