



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 192 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 18, 2012. This was down 1 percent 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 18, 2012. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through August 18, 2012 were 5.41 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	July 14, 2012	July 21, 2012	July 28, 2012	August 4, 2012	August 11, 2012	August 18, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,908	27,947	28,141	27,656	27,996	27,551
Arkansas	19,621	19,931	20,915	21,130	21,057	20,944
Delaware	3,295	3,503	3,501	3,497	3,279	3,176
Florida	1,352	1,341	1,352	1,353	1,352	1,353
Georgia	32,461	31,849	31,573	31,739	31,773	31,810
Kentucky	7,659	7,790	7,728	7,659	7,673	7,587
Louisiana	3,409	3,107	3,167	3,227	3,211	3,135
Maryland	7,351	7,220	7,600	7,595	7,254	7,341
Mississippi	18,063	17,795	17,838	17,667	17,075	16,782
Missouri	8,068	8,024	7,835	7,863	8,036	8,022
North Carolina	19,816	19,628	19,638	19,510	19,222	19,474
Oklahoma	6,465	6,689	6,714	6,476	6,276	6,891
Pennsylvania	3,767	3,535	3,570	3,441	3,398	3,609
South Carolina	5,298	5,319	5,603	5,313	5,328	5,040
Texas	14,612	14,500	14,254	14,394	13,789	13,194
Virginia	6,222	6,217	6,182	6,089	6,074	6,043
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,744	10,722	10,683	10,763	10,460	10,005
19 State total	196,111	195,117	196,294	195,372	193,253	191,957
Previous year total	196,576	195,141	194,434	195,036	194,164	193,090
Percent of previous year	100	100	101	100	100	99

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	July 14, 2012	July 21, 2012	July 28, 2012	August 4, 2012	August 11, 2012	August 18, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,301	20,517	19,417	19,749	19,688	19,877
Arkansas	19,209	20,502	19,313	17,406	18,903	19,160
Delaware	4,989	4,250	3,153	3,361	4,085	4,394
Florida	1,168	1,179	1,211	1,138	1,010	1,304
Georgia	26,917	26,546	28,246	28,124	28,416	26,860
Kentucky	5,873	6,142	5,925	6,483	6,447	5,922
Louisiana	2,961	3,098	2,935	3,067	2,794	2,796
Maryland	5,582	7,131	6,093	6,452	6,135	6,483
Mississippi	15,485	15,216	14,933	15,326	15,357	15,261
Missouri	5,064	4,708	5,159	6,071	5,711	5,029
North Carolina	15,714	16,227	15,898	16,407	15,503	15,323
Oklahoma	4,343	4,335	4,151	4,914	3,896	4,892
Pennsylvania	3,003	2,962	2,986	3,157	2,911	2,998
South Carolina	4,524	4,142	4,273	4,033	4,049	4,453
Texas	12,156	11,930	11,905	12,169	12,224	12,007
Virginia	4,712	4,312	5,383	5,327	5,224	4,721
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,203	10,696	10,201	10,544	9,913	10,999
19 State total	163,204	163,893	161,182	163,728	162,266	162,479
Previous year total	164,445	162,828	162,898	164,050	162,336	161,039
Percent of previous year	99	101	99	100	100	101

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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