



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 2 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 184 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 15, 2012. This was up 2 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 Down Slightly**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 15, 2012. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through September 15, 2012 were 6.06 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	August 11, 2012	August 18, 2012	August 25, 2012	September 1, 2012	September 8, 2012	September 15, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	27,840	27,300	28,073	27,163	26,639	26,841
Arkansas .....	21,057	20,944	20,651	20,757	19,074	19,420
Delaware .....	3,279	3,176	3,286	3,259	3,143	3,155
Florida .....	1,352	1,353	1,349	1,347	1,353	1,088
Georgia .....	31,773	31,810	31,721	31,331	30,962	30,475
Kentucky .....	7,738	7,622	7,641	7,616	7,249	6,980
Louisiana .....	3,211	3,135	3,167	3,211	3,285	3,272
Maryland .....	7,254	7,341	7,346	6,944	6,932	7,182
Mississippi .....	17,075	16,724	15,751	16,356	16,740	16,489
Missouri .....	8,036	8,022	8,032	7,708	8,037	7,366
North Carolina .....	19,222	19,474	19,688	19,445	18,217	18,394
Oklahoma .....	6,276	6,891	6,686	6,693	6,539	6,459
Pennsylvania .....	3,398	3,655	3,726	3,584	3,505	3,510
South Carolina .....	5,328	5,173	5,265	4,721	5,402	5,513
Texas .....	13,727	13,022	13,446	12,687	13,495	12,533
Virginia .....	6,074	6,043	6,049	5,985	5,798	5,500
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,322	10,053	10,316	10,521	10,110	9,531
19 State total .....	192,962	191,738	192,193	189,328	186,480	183,708
Previous year total .....	194,164	193,090	193,007	189,258	185,218	179,528
Percent of previous year .....	99	99	100	100	101	102

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	August 11, 2012	August 18, 2012	August 25, 2012	September 1, 2012	September 8, 2012	September 15, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	19,688	19,872	20,005	20,056	19,993	19,801
Arkansas .....	18,903	19,160	19,431	19,027	20,937	20,760
Delaware .....	4,085	4,394	4,577	4,947	4,023	4,033
Florida .....	1,010	1,304	1,248	1,186	1,105	1,293
Georgia .....	28,416	26,860	26,659	26,271	25,819	27,500
Kentucky .....	6,683	5,893	6,126	6,404	6,403	5,853
Louisiana .....	2,794	2,796	2,836	2,871	2,857	2,847
Maryland .....	6,135	6,483	5,682	5,738	6,350	5,620
Mississippi .....	15,357	15,258	15,202	14,397	14,411	13,408
Missouri .....	5,711	5,029	5,723	5,854	4,937	5,032
North Carolina .....	15,503	15,323	15,684	15,827	15,780	16,165
Oklahoma .....	3,896	4,892	4,163	4,437	3,843	4,202
Pennsylvania .....	2,911	2,901	2,953	2,838	3,040	3,151
South Carolina .....	4,049	4,453	4,587	3,847	5,263	3,871
Texas .....	12,215	12,001	11,873	11,439	10,614	11,183
Virginia .....	5,224	4,721	4,918	3,877	4,503	5,424
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,857	11,038	10,797	11,021	9,684	10,378
19 State total .....	162,437	162,378	162,464	160,037	159,562	160,521
Previous year total .....	162,336	161,039	162,943	160,923	160,203	160,820
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	100	99	100	100

## 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.

**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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