



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 15, 2012. This was up 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 15, 2012. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through December 15, 2012 were 8.08 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	November 10, 2012	November 17, 2012	November 24, 2012	December 1, 2012	December 8, 2012	December 15, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	26,346	27,978	28,045	27,369	27,628	27,607
Arkansas .....	20,996	21,588	21,532	21,963	20,830	21,845
Delaware .....	3,389	3,415	3,413	3,415	3,414	3,415
Florida .....	1,353	1,351	1,353	1,655	1,048	1,350
Georgia .....	31,559	32,130	32,298	33,372	30,251	32,433
Kentucky .....	7,397	7,836	7,362	6,772	7,638	7,725
Louisiana .....	2,956	3,288	3,258	3,258	3,273	3,288
Maryland .....	7,136	7,158	7,182	7,067	7,117	7,185
Mississippi .....	17,223	16,865	17,178	17,089	17,377	16,927
Missouri .....	7,258	8,040	8,013	8,012	7,713	7,881
North Carolina .....	19,975	19,640	20,043	19,794	19,259	19,992
Oklahoma .....	6,553	6,830	6,825	7,026	6,809	6,537
Pennsylvania .....	3,546	3,749	3,701	3,935	3,583	3,689
South Carolina .....	5,129	5,397	5,657	5,557	5,316	4,675
Texas .....	14,007	14,128	14,212	14,764	13,761	14,328
Virginia .....	5,176	6,275	6,455	6,638	6,002	6,476
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,392	10,830	10,420	10,939	9,278	9,586
19 State total .....	190,391	196,498	196,947	198,625	190,297	194,939
Previous year total .....	194,224	195,158	194,560	194,178	194,887	194,602
Percent of previous year .....	98	101	101	102	98	100

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

State	Week ending					
	November 10, 2012	November 17, 2012	November 24, 2012	December 1, 2012	December 8, 2012	December 15, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	18,897	19,390	17,883	19,786	21,156	21,449
Arkansas .....	17,258	20,306	18,987	19,476	19,134	20,377
Delaware .....	4,095	4,371	4,309	3,550	3,831	4,086
Florida .....	1,035	1,326	1,162	1,020	1,369	1,311
Georgia .....	24,989	24,885	24,958	26,525	25,978	26,221
Kentucky .....	5,250	5,745	5,875	5,542	6,190	6,383
Louisiana .....	2,981	2,891	2,664	2,642	2,940	2,912
Maryland .....	5,246	5,307	5,710	7,060	6,526	6,198
Mississippi .....	13,869	13,993	12,984	14,757	14,396	14,770
Missouri .....	4,849	5,265	4,869	5,316	5,768	5,720
North Carolina .....	15,055	15,712	16,127	16,728	15,726	16,314
Oklahoma .....	4,181	3,680	3,997	4,204	5,307	4,187
Pennsylvania .....	2,634	2,488	2,772	2,804	3,084	3,077
South Carolina .....	3,726	4,184	4,885	3,843	5,064	4,344
Texas .....	10,791	11,256	11,162	11,832	11,940	11,807
Virginia .....	4,349	4,507	3,929	3,592	4,264	4,456
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	8,566	10,589	9,465	10,742	10,596	9,562
19 State total .....	147,771	155,895	151,738	159,419	163,269	163,174
Previous year total .....	152,174	152,567	156,853	160,576	162,541	162,116
Percent of previous year .....	97	102	97	99	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.

**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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