



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up 1 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 11, 2013. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the 19 State Total Down 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 11, 2013. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through May 11, 2013 for the 19 State total were 3.11 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2013

State	Week ending					
	April 6, 2013	April 13, 2013	April 20, 2013	April 27, 2013	May 4, 2013	May 11, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,134	28,256	27,875	27,314	28,065	27,986
Arkansas .....	21,714	21,809	21,109	20,913	21,984	22,018
Delaware .....	3,411	3,412	3,540	3,411	3,476	3,455
Florida .....	1,225	1,175	1,221	1,221	1,222	1,219
Georgia .....	32,908	33,073	33,132	33,023	33,287	33,568
Kentucky .....	7,600	7,696	7,712	7,630	7,817	7,809
Louisiana .....	3,500	3,546	3,546	3,470	3,485	3,500
Maryland .....	7,407	7,582	7,598	7,580	7,647	7,673
Mississippi .....	17,906	17,603	17,814	17,823	17,794	18,023
Missouri .....	7,686	8,341	8,313	8,018	8,125	8,314
North Carolina .....	19,965	20,025	19,797	19,963	20,186	20,506
Oklahoma .....	6,755	6,737	6,442	6,589	6,560	6,732
Pennsylvania .....	4,074	3,856	3,902	4,137	3,547	3,450
South Carolina .....	5,365	5,401	5,203	5,420	5,286	5,450
Texas .....	14,515	14,407	14,757	14,842	14,796	15,028
Virginia .....	6,622	6,636	6,562	6,568	6,739	6,557
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,925	10,745	10,765	10,544	10,521	10,620
19 State total .....	199,712	200,300	199,288	198,466	200,537	201,908
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	100	100	100	101
Other States .....	7,873	8,063	8,000	8,067	8,197	8,025
United States .....	207,585	208,363	207,288	206,533	208,734	209,933

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2013

State	Week ending					
	April 6, 2013	April 13, 2013	April 20, 2013	April 27, 2013	May 4, 2013	May 11, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,768	20,904	21,291	20,601	21,068	20,662
Arkansas .....	20,019	19,104	19,573	19,698	20,668	19,992
Delaware .....	4,213	3,528	3,652	3,710	4,174	4,464
Florida .....	1,224	1,328	1,443	1,336	1,522	1,390
Georgia .....	26,381	26,686	26,420	27,026	26,401	26,648
Kentucky .....	6,333	5,891	6,589	6,031	5,900	6,571
Louisiana .....	3,056	3,116	3,175	3,149	3,140	3,155
Maryland .....	5,548	6,852	5,981	6,435	6,392	6,084
Mississippi .....	15,109	14,908	15,067	15,099	14,867	15,066
Missouri .....	5,418	5,954	6,183	5,296	5,385	5,106
North Carolina .....	15,739	15,062	15,815	15,750	16,258	15,867
Oklahoma .....	4,005	4,439	4,260	4,845	4,469	4,520
Pennsylvania .....	2,951	3,052	2,907	3,169	3,141	3,186
South Carolina .....	4,644	4,744	4,292	5,087	4,306	4,688
Texas .....	12,596	12,660	12,035	11,859	11,783	12,189
Virginia .....	5,851	4,896	5,632	5,178	5,395	5,311
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,192	10,517	10,274	10,816	10,826	9,876
19 State total .....	165,047	163,641	164,589	165,085	165,695	164,775
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	99	99	100	99
Other States .....	5,837	6,329	6,077	5,659	5,949	5,724
United States .....	170,884	169,970	170,666	170,744	171,644	170,499

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries 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, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

**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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