



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 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 18, 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 18, 2013. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through May 18, 2013 for the 19 State total were 3.28 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 13, 2013	April 20, 2013	April 27, 2013	May 4, 2013	May 11, 2013	May 18, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,256	27,875	27,614	28,065	27,918	27,899
Arkansas	21,809	21,109	20,913	21,984	22,018	21,839
Delaware	3,412	3,540	3,411	3,476	3,450	3,626
Florida	1,175	1,221	1,221	1,222	1,219	1,221
Georgia	33,073	33,132	33,023	33,287	33,568	33,675
Kentucky	7,696	7,661	7,633	7,817	7,809	7,780
Louisiana	3,546	3,546	3,470	3,485	3,500	3,490
Maryland	7,582	7,598	7,580	7,647	7,673	7,681
Mississippi	17,603	17,814	17,823	17,794	18,023	18,174
Missouri	8,341	8,313	8,018	8,125	8,314	8,314
North Carolina	20,025	19,797	20,313	20,186	20,089	20,616
Oklahoma	6,737	6,442	6,749	6,560	6,732	6,590
Pennsylvania	3,856	3,902	4,137	3,547	3,538	3,973
South Carolina	5,401	5,203	5,420	5,286	5,450	5,596
Texas	14,407	14,757	14,842	14,796	15,028	15,204
Virginia	6,636	6,562	6,568	6,739	6,557	6,557
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,736	10,770	10,539	10,517	10,622	10,910
19 State total	200,291	199,242	199,274	200,533	201,508	203,145
Percent of previous year	100	100	101	100	101	101
Other States	8,063	8,000	8,067	8,197	8,025	8,088
United States	208,354	207,242	207,341	208,730	209,533	211,233

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

State	Week ending					
	April 13, 2013	April 20, 2013	April 27, 2013	May 4, 2013	May 11, 2013	May 18, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,904	21,291	20,601	21,068	20,748	21,226
Arkansas	19,104	19,573	19,698	20,668	19,992	19,412
Delaware	3,528	3,652	3,710	4,174	4,361	3,671
Florida	1,328	1,443	1,336	1,522	1,323	1,157
Georgia	26,686	26,420	27,026	26,401	26,655	26,836
Kentucky	5,891	6,589	6,031	5,900	6,534	6,086
Louisiana	3,116	3,175	3,149	3,140	3,155	3,106
Maryland	6,852	5,981	6,435	6,392	6,162	6,861
Mississippi	14,908	15,067	15,099	14,867	15,059	15,131
Missouri	5,954	6,183	5,296	5,385	5,106	5,646
North Carolina	15,062	15,815	15,750	16,258	15,551	16,222
Oklahoma	4,439	4,260	4,845	4,469	4,520	4,187
Pennsylvania	3,052	2,907	3,169	3,105	3,106	3,140
South Carolina	4,744	4,292	5,087	4,306	4,798	4,166
Texas	12,660	12,035	11,859	11,783	12,189	12,162
Virginia	4,896	5,632	5,178	5,395	5,311	4,909
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,511	10,273	10,794	10,821	9,881	10,335
19 State total	163,635	164,588	165,063	165,654	164,451	164,253
Percent of previous year	100	99	99	100	98	100
Other States	6,329	6,077	5,659	5,949	5,741	5,804
United States	169,964	170,665	170,722	171,603	170,192	170,057

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.

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