



# 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 25, 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 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 25, 2013. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through May 25, 2013 for the 19 State total were 3.44 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 20, 2013	April 27, 2013	May 4, 2013	May 11, 2013	May 18, 2013	May 25, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	27,875	27,614	28,239	27,918	27,899	28,093
Arkansas .....	21,109	20,913	21,984	22,018	21,839	22,058
Delaware .....	3,540	3,411	3,476	3,450	3,629	3,501
Florida .....	1,221	1,221	1,222	1,219	1,221	1,214
Georgia .....	33,132	33,023	33,287	33,568	33,675	33,583
Kentucky .....	7,661	7,695	7,926	7,816	7,780	7,804
Louisiana .....	3,546	3,470	3,485	3,500	3,490	3,485
Maryland .....	7,598	7,580	7,647	7,673	7,681	7,621
Mississippi .....	17,814	17,823	17,794	18,023	18,174	18,069
Missouri .....	8,313	8,018	8,125	8,314	8,314	8,271
North Carolina .....	19,797	20,313	20,333	20,265	20,616	20,311
Oklahoma .....	6,442	6,749	6,621	6,732	6,590	6,717
Pennsylvania .....	3,902	4,137	3,676	3,492	4,064	3,985
South Carolina .....	5,203	5,420	5,286	5,450	5,596	5,212
Texas .....	14,757	14,842	14,796	15,028	15,204	15,115
Virginia .....	6,562	6,568	6,739	6,557	6,557	6,551
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,770	10,539	10,517	10,622	10,910	10,881
19 State total .....	199,242	199,336	201,153	201,645	203,239	202,471
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	100	101	101	101
Other States .....	8,000	8,140	8,227	8,025	8,088	8,129
United States .....	207,242	207,476	209,380	209,670	211,327	210,600

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

State	Week ending					
	April 20, 2013	April 27, 2013	May 4, 2013	May 11, 2013	May 18, 2013	May 25, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)					
Alabama .....	21,291	20,601	21,068	20,748	21,277	21,608
Arkansas .....	19,573	19,698	20,668	19,992	19,412	20,308
Delaware .....	3,652	3,710	4,174	4,361	3,940	3,811
Florida .....	1,443	1,336	1,522	1,323	1,157	1,250
Georgia .....	26,420	27,026	26,401	26,655	26,834	26,874
Kentucky .....	6,589	6,031	5,900	6,576	6,051	6,657
Louisiana .....	3,175	3,149	3,140	3,155	3,106	3,123
Maryland .....	5,981	6,435	6,392	6,162	6,609	5,804
Mississippi .....	15,067	15,099	14,867	15,059	15,131	15,096
Missouri .....	6,183	5,296	5,385	5,106	5,646	5,399
North Carolina .....	15,916	15,750	16,258	15,717	16,334	15,268
Oklahoma .....	4,260	4,845	4,469	4,520	4,411	4,670
Pennsylvania .....	2,907	3,169	3,057	3,034	3,107	2,983
South Carolina .....	4,292	5,087	4,306	4,798	4,166	4,472
Texas .....	12,035	11,859	11,783	12,189	12,162	12,436
Virginia .....	5,632	5,178	5,395	5,311	4,909	6,139
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,273	10,794	10,821	9,881	10,335	10,489
19 State total .....	164,689	165,063	165,606	164,587	164,587	166,387
Percent of previous year .....	99	99	100	98	100	100
Other States .....	6,077	5,659	5,949	5,741	5,804	5,981
United States .....	170,766	170,722	171,555	170,328	170,391	172,368

## 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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