



# 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 June 1, 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 Up Slightly**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 1, 2013. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through June 1, 2013 for the 19 State total were 3.61 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 27, 2013	May 4, 2013	May 11, 2013	May 18, 2013	May 25, 2013	June 1, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	27,614	28,239	27,923	27,899	28,146	28,151
Arkansas .....	20,913	21,984	22,018	21,839	22,058	21,717
Delaware .....	3,411	3,476	3,450	3,629	3,501	3,552
Florida .....	1,221	1,222	1,219	1,221	1,214	1,222
Georgia .....	33,023	33,287	33,568	33,675	33,583	33,369
Kentucky .....	7,695	7,952	7,963	7,771	7,796	7,856
Louisiana .....	3,470	3,485	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,531
Maryland .....	7,580	7,647	7,673	7,681	7,621	7,641
Mississippi .....	17,823	17,794	18,023	18,174	17,982	17,982
Missouri .....	8,018	8,125	8,314	8,314	8,271	8,030
North Carolina .....	20,313	20,333	20,265	20,616	20,311	20,558
Oklahoma .....	6,749	6,621	6,849	6,590	6,717	6,829
Pennsylvania .....	4,137	3,676	3,492	4,064	4,025	4,131
South Carolina .....	5,420	5,286	5,450	5,596	5,212	5,416
Texas .....	14,839	14,793	15,025	15,191	15,102	15,030
Virginia .....	6,568	6,739	6,557	6,557	6,551	6,562
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,539	10,517	10,534	10,910	10,978	11,057
19 State total .....	199,333	201,176	201,823	203,227	202,568	202,634
Percent of previous year .....	101	100	101	101	101	101
Other States .....	8,140	8,237	8,032	8,117	8,150	8,087
United States .....	207,473	209,413	209,855	211,344	210,718	210,721

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

State	Week ending					
	April 27, 2013	May 4, 2013	May 11, 2013	May 18, 2013	May 25, 2013	June 1, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,601	21,068	20,748	21,277	21,564	21,720
Arkansas .....	19,698	20,668	19,992	19,412	20,308	21,119
Delaware .....	3,710	4,174	4,361	3,940	3,901	4,473
Florida .....	1,336	1,522	1,323	1,157	1,295	1,316
Georgia .....	27,026	26,401	26,655	26,834	26,733	27,125
Kentucky .....	6,031	5,900	6,576	6,077	6,718	6,037
Louisiana .....	3,149	3,140	3,155	3,107	3,117	3,136
Maryland .....	6,435	6,392	6,162	6,609	6,000	6,608
Mississippi .....	15,099	14,867	15,059	15,131	15,097	15,371
Missouri .....	5,296	5,385	5,106	5,646	5,399	5,697
North Carolina .....	15,750	16,258	15,717	16,334	15,182	15,969
Oklahoma .....	4,845	4,469	4,520	4,411	4,670	3,985
Pennsylvania .....	3,169	3,057	3,034	3,107	2,703	2,837
South Carolina .....	5,087	4,306	4,798	4,166	4,472	4,015
Texas .....	11,859	11,781	12,187	12,160	12,433	12,302
Virginia .....	5,178	5,395	5,311	4,909	6,139	4,823
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,794	10,821	9,828	10,335	10,470	10,198
19 State total .....	165,063	165,604	164,532	164,612	166,201	166,731
Percent of previous year .....	99	100	98	100	100	100
Other States .....	5,659	5,949	5,741	5,804	6,027	6,186
United States .....	170,722	171,553	170,273	170,416	172,228	172,917

## 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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**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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