



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 8, 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 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 8, 2013. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through June 8, 2013 for the 19 State total were 3.78 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	May 4, 2013	May 11, 2013	May 18, 2013	May 25, 2013	June 1, 2013	June 8, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,239	27,923	27,907	28,146	28,238	28,282
Arkansas	21,984	22,018	21,839	22,058	21,717	21,937
Delaware	3,476	3,450	3,629	3,501	3,554	3,693
Florida	1,222	1,219	1,221	1,214	1,222	1,223
Georgia	33,287	33,568	33,675	33,583	33,369	33,747
Kentucky	7,952	7,963	7,822	7,796	7,855	7,767
Louisiana	3,485	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,561	3,501
Maryland	7,647	7,673	7,681	7,621	7,641	7,706
Mississippi	17,794	18,023	18,174	17,982	17,982	18,102
Missouri	8,125	8,314	8,314	8,271	8,030	8,361
North Carolina	20,333	20,265	20,616	20,311	20,623	20,545
Oklahoma	6,621	6,849	6,882	6,717	6,829	6,884
Pennsylvania	3,676	3,492	4,064	4,013	4,139	4,080
South Carolina	5,286	5,450	5,596	5,212	5,416	5,334
Texas	14,793	15,025	15,191	15,102	15,030	14,372
Virginia	6,739	6,557	6,557	6,551	6,562	6,560
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,413	10,573	11,016	10,983	11,062	10,768
19 State total	201,072	201,862	203,684	202,561	202,830	202,862
Percent of previous year	100	101	101	101	101	101
Other States	8,237	7,815	8,011	8,150	8,149	8,130
United States	209,309	209,677	211,695	210,711	210,979	210,992

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

State	Week ending					
	May 4, 2013	May 11, 2013	May 18, 2013	May 25, 2013	June 1, 2013	June 8, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,068	20,748	21,277	21,564	21,784	21,017
Arkansas	20,668	19,992	19,412	20,308	21,119	20,950
Delaware	4,175	4,451	4,005	3,931	4,390	4,401
Florida	1,522	1,323	1,157	1,295	1,316	1,265
Georgia	26,401	26,655	26,834	26,733	27,125	28,110
Kentucky	5,900	6,576	6,077	6,718	6,028	6,046
Louisiana	3,140	3,155	3,107	3,117	3,127	3,118
Maryland	6,353	5,991	6,488	6,513	6,786	6,183
Mississippi	14,867	15,059	15,131	15,097	15,379	15,349
Missouri	5,385	5,106	5,646	5,399	5,697	6,138
North Carolina	16,258	15,717	16,333	15,182	15,907	16,272
Oklahoma	4,469	4,520	4,411	4,670	3,985	3,522
Pennsylvania	3,057	3,034	3,107	2,527	2,555	3,322
South Carolina	4,306	4,798	4,166	4,472	4,015	4,454
Texas	11,781	12,187	12,160	12,433	12,302	12,612
Virginia	5,395	5,311	4,909	6,139	4,823	5,247
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,832	9,870	10,322	10,431	10,192	10,288
19 State total	165,577	164,493	164,542	166,529	166,530	168,294
Percent of previous year	100	98	100	100	100	100
Other States	5,949	5,734	5,804	6,018	5,990	6,043
United States	171,526	170,227	170,346	172,547	172,520	174,337

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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