



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 15, 2013. This was up 3 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 15, 2013. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through June 15, 2013 for the 19 State total were 3.95 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 11, 2013	May 18, 2013	May 25, 2013	June 1, 2013	June 8, 2013	June 15, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)					
Alabama	27,923	27,907	28,146	28,238	28,282	27,884
Arkansas	22,018	21,839	22,058	21,717	21,937	21,904
Delaware	3,450	3,629	3,501	3,554	3,691	3,678
Florida	1,219	1,221	1,214	1,222	1,223	1,223
Georgia	33,568	33,675	33,583	33,369	33,747	33,515
Kentucky	8,014	7,822	7,850	7,855	7,767	7,865
Louisiana	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,561	3,501	3,501
Maryland	7,673	7,681	7,621	7,641	7,706	7,811
Mississippi	18,023	18,174	17,982	17,982	18,102	17,201
Missouri	8,314	8,314	8,271	8,030	8,361	8,440
North Carolina	20,265	20,616	20,455	20,623	20,545	20,395
Oklahoma	6,849	6,882	6,951	6,829	6,884	7,034
Pennsylvania	3,492	4,064	4,013	4,139	4,104	4,134
South Carolina	5,450	5,596	5,212	5,416	5,334	5,302
Texas	15,025	15,191	15,102	15,030	14,372	14,872
Virginia	6,557	6,557	6,551	6,562	6,560	6,545
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,573	11,016	10,825	11,062	10,768	11,116
19 State total	201,913	203,684	202,835	202,830	202,884	202,420
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	101	101	103
Other States	7,815	8,011	8,150	8,149	8,130	8,184
United States	209,728	211,695	210,985	210,979	211,014	210,604

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

State	Week ending					
	May 11, 2013	May 18, 2013	May 25, 2013	June 1, 2013	June 8, 2013	June 15, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)					
Alabama	20,748	21,277	21,564	21,784	21,017	21,369
Arkansas	19,992	19,412	20,308	21,119	20,950	20,593
Delaware	4,451	4,005	3,931	4,390	4,255	4,523
Florida	1,323	1,157	1,295	1,316	1,265	1,315
Georgia	26,655	26,834	26,733	27,125	28,110	27,302
Kentucky	6,576	6,077	6,718	6,061	6,046	6,512
Louisiana	3,155	3,107	3,117	3,127	3,118	3,124
Maryland	5,991	6,488	6,513	6,786	6,567	5,358
Mississippi	15,059	15,131	15,097	15,379	15,349	15,350
Missouri	5,106	5,646	5,399	5,697	6,138	6,092
North Carolina	15,717	16,333	15,182	15,907	16,272	15,809
Oklahoma	4,520	4,411	4,670	3,985	3,551	4,108
Pennsylvania	3,034	3,107	2,527	2,555	3,086	3,304
South Carolina	4,798	4,166	4,472	4,015	4,269	4,600
Texas	12,187	12,160	12,433	12,302	12,612	12,643
Virginia	5,311	4,909	6,139	4,823	5,247	5,556
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,870	10,322	10,432	10,192	10,288	10,146
19 State total	164,493	164,542	166,530	166,563	168,140	167,704
Percent of previous year	98	100	100	100	100	100
Other States	5,734	5,804	6,018	5,993	6,043	5,955
United States	170,227	170,346	172,548	172,556	174,183	173,659

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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