



# 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 22, 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 22, 2013. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through June 22, 2013 for the 19 State total were 4.11 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 18, 2013	May 25, 2013	June 1, 2013	June 8, 2013	June 15, 2013	June 22, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)				
Alabama .....	27,907	28,146	28,238	28,282	28,022	28,295
Arkansas .....	21,839	22,058	21,717	21,937	21,904	21,080
Delaware .....	3,629	3,501	3,554	3,691	3,677	3,691
Florida .....	1,221	1,214	1,222	1,223	1,223	1,222
Georgia .....	33,675	33,583	33,369	33,747	33,515	33,994
Kentucky .....	7,834	7,862	7,917	7,767	7,865	7,829
Louisiana .....	3,500	3,500	3,561	3,501	3,501	3,577
Maryland .....	7,681	7,621	7,641	7,706	7,811	7,657
Mississippi .....	18,174	17,982	17,982	18,102	17,201	17,890
Missouri .....	8,314	8,271	8,373	8,361	8,440	8,079
North Carolina .....	20,616	20,455	20,623	20,545	20,372	20,312
Oklahoma .....	6,882	6,951	7,004	6,884	7,034	6,745
Pennsylvania .....	4,064	4,013	4,139	4,170	4,240	4,143
South Carolina .....	5,596	5,212	5,416	5,334	5,305	5,255
Texas .....	15,191	15,102	15,030	14,372	14,872	15,044
Virginia .....	6,557	6,551	6,554	6,560	6,545	6,556
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,016	10,825	11,057	10,784	11,140	10,251
19 State total .....	203,696	202,847	203,397	202,966	202,667	201,620
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	101	102	103	103
Other States .....	8,011	8,150	8,149	8,130	8,184	7,981
United States .....	211,707	210,997	211,546	211,096	210,851	209,601

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

State	Week ending					
	May 18, 2013	May 25, 2013	June 1, 2013	June 8, 2013	June 15, 2013	June 22, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)				
Alabama .....	21,277	21,564	21,784	21,017	21,409	21,035
Arkansas .....	19,412	20,308	21,119	20,950	20,593	19,067
Delaware .....	4,005	3,931	4,390	4,255	4,378	4,439
Florida .....	1,157	1,295	1,316	1,265	1,274	1,338
Georgia .....	26,834	26,733	27,125	28,206	27,232	27,357
Kentucky .....	6,077	6,718	6,061	6,081	6,519	6,797
Louisiana .....	3,107	3,117	3,127	3,118	3,124	3,169
Maryland .....	6,488	6,513	6,786	6,567	5,504	5,868
Mississippi .....	15,131	15,097	15,379	15,349	15,350	15,295
Missouri .....	5,646	5,399	5,697	6,138	6,092	5,856
North Carolina .....	16,333	15,182	15,907	16,168	15,869	15,933
Oklahoma .....	4,411	4,670	3,985	3,551	4,108	5,750
Pennsylvania .....	3,107	2,527	2,555	3,040	3,057	3,389
South Carolina .....	4,166	4,472	4,015	4,269	5,004	4,447
Texas .....	12,160	12,433	12,302	12,612	12,643	12,636
Virginia .....	4,909	6,139	4,823	5,247	5,556	4,836
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,322	10,432	10,192	10,288	10,146	10,737
19 State total .....	164,542	166,530	166,563	168,121	167,858	167,949
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	100	100	100	100
Other States .....	5,859	6,018	6,044	6,094	6,006	5,947
United States .....	170,401	172,548	172,607	174,215	173,864	173,896

## 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.

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