



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up 4 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 6, 2013. This was up 4 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 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 6, 2013. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through July 6, 2013 for the 19 State total were 4.45 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	June 1, 2013	June 8, 2013	June 15, 2013	June 22, 2013	June 29, 2013	July 6, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,238	28,387	28,022	28,449	28,317	27,909
Arkansas .....	21,717	21,897	21,869	21,080	21,396	21,784
Delaware .....	3,554	3,691	3,677	3,691	3,690	3,688
Florida .....	1,222	1,223	1,223	1,222	1,222	1,222
Georgia .....	33,369	33,742	33,515	33,994	33,691	33,551
Kentucky .....	7,964	7,776	7,925	7,829	7,605	7,872
Louisiana .....	3,561	3,501	3,400	3,577	3,546	3,330
Maryland .....	7,641	7,706	7,811	7,657	7,659	7,497
Mississippi .....	17,982	18,102	17,201	17,890	17,318	17,876
Missouri .....	8,373	8,361	8,440	8,079	8,261	8,226
North Carolina .....	20,623	20,545	20,372	20,312	20,114	20,464
Oklahoma .....	7,004	6,884	7,034	6,745	6,887	6,836
Pennsylvania .....	4,139	4,170	4,240	4,203	4,097	4,173
South Carolina .....	5,416	5,334	5,305	5,255	5,607	5,381
Texas .....	15,010	14,352	14,863	15,035	14,366	14,970
Virginia .....	6,554	6,560	6,545	6,556	6,486	6,558
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,057	10,779	11,140	10,251	10,120	10,848
19 State total .....	203,424	203,010	202,582	201,825	200,382	202,185
Percent of previous year .....	101	102	103	103	102	104
Other States .....	8,149	8,130	8,184	7,899	8,032	8,002
United States .....	211,573	211,140	210,766	209,724	208,414	210,187

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

State	Week ending					
	June 1, 2013	June 8, 2013	June 15, 2013	June 22, 2013	June 29, 2013	July 6, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,784	21,017	21,409	20,830	21,902	21,477
Arkansas .....	21,119	20,950	20,593	19,067	21,568	20,458
Delaware .....	4,390	4,255	4,469	4,530	4,159	4,734
Florida .....	1,250	1,265	1,274	1,560	1,333	1,336
Georgia .....	27,125	28,206	27,232	27,358	26,199	26,289
Kentucky .....	6,061	6,081	6,519	6,757	6,054	6,128
Louisiana .....	3,127	3,118	3,124	3,169	3,123	3,035
Maryland .....	6,786	6,567	5,666	6,030	6,448	5,659
Mississippi .....	15,379	15,349	15,350	15,295	15,350	14,610
Missouri .....	5,697	6,138	6,092	5,856	5,209	5,216
North Carolina .....	15,907	16,168	15,869	15,993	16,648	16,533
Oklahoma .....	3,985	3,551	4,108	5,750	4,097	5,525
Pennsylvania .....	2,555	3,040	3,030	3,114	3,153	3,268
South Carolina .....	4,015	4,269	5,004	4,447	5,399	4,775
Texas .....	12,302	12,596	12,627	12,620	11,824	12,309
Virginia .....	4,823	5,247	5,556	4,981	5,435	5,287
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,192	10,288	10,146	10,737	10,351	11,267
19 State total .....	166,497	168,105	168,068	168,094	168,252	167,906
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	100	100	101	102
Other States .....	6,075	6,094	6,006	5,949	5,895	5,879
United States .....	172,572	174,199	174,074	174,043	174,147	173,785

## 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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