



# 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 July 13, 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 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 13, 2013. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through July 13, 2013 for the 19 State total were 4.62 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 8, 2013	June 15, 2013	June 22, 2013	June 29, 2013	July 6, 2013	July 13, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,387	28,022	28,391	28,317	28,026	28,292
Arkansas .....	21,897	21,869	21,080	21,396	21,784	21,859
Delaware .....	3,691	3,677	3,691	3,690	3,688	3,681
Florida .....	1,223	1,223	1,222	1,222	1,222	1,225
Georgia .....	33,742	33,515	33,994	33,691	33,551	33,447
Kentucky .....	7,776	7,925	7,942	7,605	7,872	8,009
Louisiana .....	3,501	3,400	3,546	3,546	3,486	3,485
Maryland .....	7,706	7,811	7,657	7,659	7,497	7,558
Mississippi .....	18,102	17,201	17,890	17,318	17,876	17,905
Missouri .....	8,361	8,440	8,079	8,261	8,226	7,901
North Carolina .....	20,545	20,372	20,312	20,114	20,424	20,044
Oklahoma .....	6,884	7,034	6,745	6,887	6,836	6,698
Pennsylvania .....	4,255	4,217	4,159	4,126	3,941	4,073
South Carolina .....	5,334	5,305	5,255	5,607	5,381	5,267
Texas .....	14,352	14,863	15,035	14,366	14,970	14,710
Virginia .....	6,560	6,545	6,556	6,486	6,558	6,529
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,829	11,142	10,253	10,121	10,850	11,525
19 State total .....	203,145	202,561	201,807	200,412	202,188	202,208
Percent of previous year .....	102	103	103	102	104	103
Other States .....	8,130	8,184	7,899	8,032	8,002	7,762
United States .....	211,275	210,745	209,706	208,444	210,190	209,970

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

State	Week ending					
	June 8, 2013	June 15, 2013	June 22, 2013	June 29, 2013	July 6, 2013	July 13, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,017	21,409	20,830	21,902	21,391	21,621
Arkansas .....	20,950	20,593	19,067	21,568	20,458	19,637
Delaware .....	4,255	4,469	4,517	4,081	4,694	4,726
Florida .....	1,265	1,274	1,560	1,333	1,439	1,303
Georgia .....	28,206	27,232	27,358	26,199	26,289	27,667
Kentucky .....	6,081	6,519	6,757	6,054	6,128	6,453
Louisiana .....	3,118	3,124	3,169	3,123	3,035	3,169
Maryland .....	6,568	5,668	6,054	6,435	5,804	5,958
Mississippi .....	15,349	15,350	15,295	15,350	14,610	15,186
Missouri .....	6,138	6,092	5,856	5,209	5,216	5,433
North Carolina .....	16,168	15,869	15,993	16,648	16,540	15,984
Oklahoma .....	3,551	4,108	5,750	4,097	5,525	4,692
Pennsylvania .....	3,040	2,960	3,106	3,151	3,153	3,223
South Carolina .....	4,269	5,004	4,447	5,399	4,775	4,430
Texas .....	12,596	12,627	12,620	11,824	12,309	12,376
Virginia .....	5,247	5,556	4,981	5,435	5,287	5,162
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,277	10,145	10,718	10,356	11,263	9,999
19 State total .....	168,095	167,999	168,078	168,164	167,916	167,019
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	100	101	102	102
Other States .....	6,094	6,006	5,949	5,873	5,911	5,796
United States .....	174,189	174,005	174,027	174,037	173,827	172,815

## 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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