



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 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 20, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 20, 2013. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through July 20, 2013 for the 19 State total were 4.78 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	June 15, 2013	June 22, 2013	June 29, 2013	July 6, 2013	July 13, 2013	July 20, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,022	28,391	28,317	28,026	28,292	28,383
Arkansas	21,869	21,019	21,335	21,784	21,859	21,223
Delaware	3,677	3,691	3,690	3,688	3,690	3,689
Florida	1,223	1,222	1,222	1,222	1,225	1,223
Georgia	33,515	33,994	33,691	33,551	33,717	34,162
Kentucky	7,888	8,002	7,741	7,872	8,009	7,887
Louisiana	3,400	3,546	3,546	3,486	3,485	3,485
Maryland	7,811	7,657	7,659	7,497	7,558	7,606
Mississippi	17,201	17,890	17,620	17,876	17,905	16,863
Missouri	8,440	8,079	8,261	8,226	7,901	8,357
North Carolina	20,372	20,312	20,114	20,424	20,044	19,598
Oklahoma	7,034	6,745	6,887	6,836	6,698	6,880
Pennsylvania	4,217	4,159	4,126	3,941	4,084	4,007
South Carolina	5,305	5,255	5,607	5,381	5,267	5,274
Texas	14,863	15,035	14,366	14,970	14,710	14,734
Virginia	6,545	6,556	6,558	6,558	6,529	6,396
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,142	10,453	10,149	10,817	11,377	10,183
19 State total	202,524	202,006	200,889	202,155	202,350	199,950
Percent of previous year	103	103	103	104	103	103
Other States	8,184	7,899	8,032	8,002	7,762	7,862
United States	210,708	209,905	208,921	210,157	210,112	207,812

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

State	Week ending					
	June 15, 2013	June 22, 2013	June 29, 2013	July 6, 2013	July 13, 2013	July 20, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,409	20,830	21,902	21,391	21,621	22,347
Arkansas	20,593	19,067	21,568	20,458	19,637	20,104
Delaware	4,469	4,517	4,081	4,694	4,722	4,342
Florida	1,274	1,560	1,333	1,439	1,303	1,212
Georgia	27,232	27,358	26,199	26,355	27,607	26,274
Kentucky	6,519	6,757	6,054	6,084	6,471	6,036
Louisiana	3,124	3,169	3,123	3,035	3,169	3,178
Maryland	5,668	6,054	6,435	5,804	6,067	6,701
Mississippi	15,350	15,295	15,350	14,610	15,186	14,844
Missouri	6,092	5,856	5,209	5,216	5,433	5,412
North Carolina	15,869	15,993	16,648	16,492	16,053	15,856
Oklahoma	4,108	5,750	4,097	5,525	4,692	4,716
Pennsylvania	2,960	3,106	3,151	3,153	3,131	3,229
South Carolina	5,004	4,447	5,399	4,775	4,430	4,916
Texas	12,627	12,620	11,824	12,309	12,376	11,964
Virginia	5,556	4,981	5,435	5,287	5,162	4,647
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,145	10,718	10,356	11,297	10,074	10,142
19 State total	167,999	168,078	168,164	167,924	167,134	165,920
Percent of previous year	100	100	101	102	102	101
Other States	6,035	5,974	5,873	5,911	5,796	5,944
United States	174,034	174,052	174,037	173,835	172,930	171,864

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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