



# 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 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 27, 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 4 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 27, 2013. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through July 27, 2013 for the 19 State total were 4.95 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	June 22, 2013	June 29, 2013	July 6, 2013	July 13, 2013	July 20, 2013	July 27, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,391	28,317	28,160	28,292	28,408	28,114
Arkansas .....	21,019	21,335	21,784	21,859	21,223	21,643
Delaware .....	3,691	3,690	3,688	3,690	3,692	3,691
Florida .....	1,222	1,222	1,222	1,225	1,223	1,225
Georgia .....	33,994	33,691	33,551	33,717	34,162	33,353
Kentucky .....	8,002	7,741	7,968	8,009	7,887	7,996
Louisiana .....	3,546	3,546	3,486	3,485	3,485	3,485
Maryland .....	7,657	7,659	7,497	7,558	7,606	7,631
Mississippi .....	17,890	17,620	17,876	17,905	16,863	17,770
Missouri .....	8,079	8,261	8,226	7,901	8,357	8,201
North Carolina .....	20,312	20,114	20,424	20,044	19,598	20,444
Oklahoma .....	6,745	6,887	6,836	6,698	6,880	6,828
Pennsylvania .....	4,159	4,126	4,022	4,010	4,007	4,102
South Carolina .....	5,255	5,607	5,381	5,267	5,274	5,110
Texas .....	15,035	14,366	14,970	14,710	14,734	14,915
Virginia .....	6,556	6,558	6,558	6,529	6,396	6,391
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,453	10,149	10,817	11,377	10,183	10,492
19 State total .....	202,006	200,889	202,466	202,276	199,978	201,391
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	105	103	103	103
Other States .....	7,899	8,032	7,901	7,762	7,909	7,861
United States .....	209,905	208,921	210,367	210,038	207,887	209,252

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

State	Week ending					
	June 22, 2013	June 29, 2013	July 6, 2013	July 13, 2013	July 20, 2013	July 27, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,830	21,902	21,391	21,621	22,343	21,302
Arkansas .....	19,067	21,568	20,458	19,637	20,104	19,843
Delaware .....	4,517	4,081	4,694	4,722	4,206	4,468
Florida .....	1,560	1,333	1,439	1,303	1,212	1,385
Georgia .....	27,358	26,199	26,355	27,607	26,274	27,585
Kentucky .....	6,757	6,054	6,084	6,471	6,036	6,126
Louisiana .....	3,169	3,123	3,035	3,169	3,178	3,088
Maryland .....	6,054	6,435	5,805	6,068	6,831	5,272
Mississippi .....	15,295	15,350	14,610	15,186	14,703	15,225
Missouri .....	5,856	5,209	5,216	5,433	5,412	5,870
North Carolina .....	15,993	16,648	16,492	16,053	15,856	16,024
Oklahoma .....	5,750	4,097	5,525	4,692	4,716	4,569
Pennsylvania .....	3,106	3,151	3,108	3,063	3,229	3,156
South Carolina .....	4,447	5,399	4,775	4,430	4,916	4,570
Texas .....	12,620	11,824	12,309	12,435	11,964	12,788
Virginia .....	4,981	5,435	5,287	5,162	4,647	5,848
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,718	10,356	11,297	10,074	10,142	10,104
19 State total .....	168,078	168,164	167,880	167,126	165,769	167,223
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	102	102	101	104
Other States .....	5,974	5,873	5,910	5,787	5,944	6,167
United States .....	174,052	174,037	173,790	172,913	171,713	173,390

## 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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