



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 August 3, 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 August 3, 2013. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through August 3, 2013 for the 19 State total were 5.12 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	June 29, 2013	July 6, 2013	July 13, 2013	July 20, 2013	July 27, 2013	August 3, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,317	28,160	28,324	28,408	28,114	28,059
Arkansas	21,335	21,784	21,859	21,223	21,643	20,787
Delaware	3,690	3,688	3,690	3,692	3,691	3,692
Florida	1,222	1,222	1,225	1,223	1,225	1,222
Georgia	33,691	33,551	33,766	34,162	33,353	33,671
Kentucky	7,741	8,028	8,009	7,887	7,996	8,060
Louisiana	3,546	3,486	3,485	3,485	3,485	3,485
Maryland	7,659	7,497	7,558	7,606	7,631	7,492
Mississippi	17,620	17,876	17,905	16,863	17,770	16,982
Missouri	8,261	8,226	7,901	8,357	8,201	8,228
North Carolina	20,114	20,424	20,044	19,598	20,444	20,466
Oklahoma	6,887	6,836	6,698	6,880	6,828	6,824
Pennsylvania	4,126	4,022	4,010	4,017	3,934	4,078
South Carolina	5,607	5,381	5,267	5,274	5,110	5,152
Texas	14,350	14,954	15,060	14,734	14,916	14,671
Virginia	6,558	6,558	6,529	6,396	6,391	6,320
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,116	10,828	11,378	10,183	10,492	10,700
19 State total	200,840	202,521	202,708	199,988	201,224	199,889
Percent of previous year	103	105	103	103	103	103
Other States	8,032	7,901	7,762	7,909	7,861	7,824
United States	208,872	210,422	210,470	207,897	209,085	207,713

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

State	Week ending					
	June 29, 2013	July 6, 2013	July 13, 2013	July 20, 2013	July 27, 2013	August 3, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,902	21,391	21,621	22,343	21,302	21,354
Arkansas	21,568	20,458	19,637	20,104	19,843	21,006
Delaware	4,081	4,694	4,722	4,239	4,708	4,304
Florida	1,333	1,439	1,303	1,212	1,385	1,259
Georgia	26,199	26,355	27,607	26,274	27,585	27,853
Kentucky	6,054	6,084	6,471	6,036	5,993	5,975
Louisiana	3,123	3,035	3,169	3,178	3,088	3,142
Maryland	6,435	5,805	6,068	6,902	5,296	6,020
Mississippi	15,350	14,610	15,186	14,703	15,225	15,224
Missouri	5,209	5,216	5,433	5,412	5,870	5,113
North Carolina	16,648	16,492	16,053	15,856	16,024	15,651
Oklahoma	4,097	5,525	4,692	4,716	4,569	4,023
Pennsylvania	3,151	3,108	3,063	3,099	2,949	3,162
South Carolina	5,399	4,775	4,430	4,916	4,570	4,423
Texas	11,824	12,295	12,422	11,951	12,775	12,604
Virginia	5,435	5,287	5,162	4,647	5,848	5,235
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,356	11,292	10,088	10,123	10,107	11,017
19 State total	168,164	167,861	167,127	165,711	167,137	167,365
Percent of previous year	101	102	102	101	104	102
Other States	5,873	5,910	5,787	5,995	6,171	5,696
United States	174,037	173,771	172,914	171,706	173,308	173,061

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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