



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 2, 2012. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Down 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 2, 2012. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through June 2, 2012 were 3.60 billion, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	April 28, 2012	May 5, 2012	May 12, 2012	May 19, 2012	May 26, 2012	June 2, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,238	28,305	27,976	28,384	28,329	28,305
Arkansas	21,246	21,684	21,793	21,765	21,401	21,578
Delaware	3,470	3,620	3,622	3,696	3,699	3,710
Florida	1,353	1,352	1,353	1,353	1,353	1,352
Georgia	32,356	32,768	32,771	32,634	32,656	33,032
Kentucky	7,421	7,750	7,853	7,735	7,731	7,728
Louisiana	3,440	3,485	3,470	3,455	3,409	3,500
Maryland	7,628	7,449	7,087	7,200	7,388	7,672
Mississippi	17,404	18,003	18,185	17,810	18,078	18,065
Missouri	7,473	7,481	7,687	7,726	7,788	7,788
North Carolina	20,139	20,583	20,044	20,426	20,126	19,992
Oklahoma	6,970	6,712	6,926	6,843	7,133	6,801
Pennsylvania	3,597	3,610	3,636	3,650	3,838	3,719
South Carolina	5,437	5,376	5,481	5,462	5,277	5,091
Texas	14,551	14,696	14,627	14,769	15,061	14,967
Virginia	6,294	6,290	6,281	6,279	6,353	6,425
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,145	10,718	10,901	11,115	11,244	10,739
19 State total	198,162	199,882	199,693	200,302	200,864	200,464
Previous year total	207,087	207,982	206,342	206,792	205,932	205,234
Percent of previous year	96	96	97	97	98	98

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	April 28, 2012	May 5, 2012	May 12, 2012	May 19, 2012	May 26, 2012	June 2, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,201	20,231	19,775	20,746	20,482	20,117
Arkansas	19,093	18,848	20,132	19,908	20,303	20,800
Delaware	4,190	4,350	3,956	4,361	3,733	4,235
Florida	1,250	1,083	1,328	1,509	1,333	1,285
Georgia	27,300	28,245	27,482	26,806	28,477	27,602
Kentucky	6,453	6,119	6,666	5,876	6,768	6,305
Louisiana	3,084	3,124	3,130	3,075	3,111	3,084
Maryland	6,677	6,380	6,860	6,377	6,367	6,528
Mississippi	15,353	14,874	15,477	15,042	15,401	15,686
Missouri	5,924	5,767	5,113	5,491	5,384	5,186
North Carolina	16,189	16,434	16,649	16,278	16,817	16,294
Oklahoma	4,887	5,067	4,573	4,237	4,156	4,315
Pennsylvania	3,101	3,138	3,151	2,954	2,993	3,044
South Carolina	5,350	4,520	4,819	3,779	3,766	4,623
Texas	12,424	12,242	12,343	12,106	12,338	12,165
Virginia	4,906	4,604	4,935	5,187	5,009	5,021
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,290	11,207	10,680	11,626	10,561	10,290
19 State total	166,672	166,233	167,069	165,358	166,999	166,580
Previous year total	172,624	172,506	174,014	172,512	172,753	171,318
Percent of previous year	97	96	96	96	97	97

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all chicken hatcheries within the 19 States that hatch at least one million chicks a year. The 19 States account for approximately 97 percent of the broilers produced on an annual basis. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries within the 19 States 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 and 19 State totals.

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.

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