



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 3 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 9, 2012. This was down 3 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 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 9, 2012. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through June 9, 2012 were 3.77 billion, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	May 5, 2012	May 12, 2012	May 19, 2012	May 26, 2012	June 2, 2012	June 9, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,305	27,976	28,424	28,329	28,305	28,277
Arkansas .....	21,684	21,793	21,826	21,401	21,578	21,492
Delaware .....	3,620	3,622	3,696	3,699	3,710	3,547
Florida .....	1,352	1,353	1,353	1,353	1,352	1,350
Georgia .....	32,768	32,771	32,634	32,656	33,032	32,466
Kentucky .....	7,823	7,817	7,826	7,731	7,728	7,647
Louisiana .....	3,485	3,470	3,455	3,409	3,500	3,439
Maryland .....	7,449	7,087	7,200	7,388	7,672	7,194
Mississippi .....	18,003	18,185	17,810	18,078	18,065	18,000
Missouri .....	7,481	7,687	7,726	7,988	7,988	8,023
North Carolina .....	20,583	20,044	20,428	20,126	19,992	19,843
Oklahoma .....	6,712	6,926	6,843	7,133	6,801	7,024
Pennsylvania .....	3,610	3,636	3,650	3,838	3,840	3,724
South Carolina .....	5,376	5,481	5,462	5,277	5,091	5,558
Texas .....	14,705	14,636	14,589	15,070	15,039	14,790
Virginia .....	6,290	6,281	6,279	6,353	6,425	6,325
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,718	10,901	11,115	11,244	10,739	10,573
19 State total .....	199,964	199,666	200,316	201,073	200,857	199,272
Previous year total .....	207,982	206,342	206,792	205,932	205,234	204,659
Percent of previous year .....	96	97	97	98	98	97

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	May 5, 2012	May 12, 2012	May 19, 2012	May 26, 2012	June 2, 2012	June 9, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,231	19,775	20,746	20,482	20,128	20,710
Arkansas .....	18,848	20,132	19,908	20,303	20,800	20,656
Delaware .....	4,350	3,956	4,361	3,733	4,235	4,333
Florida .....	1,083	1,328	1,509	1,333	1,285	1,175
Georgia .....	28,245	27,482	26,806	28,532	27,656	27,731
Kentucky .....	6,119	6,666	5,950	6,768	6,305	6,126
Louisiana .....	3,124	3,130	3,075	3,111	3,084	3,077
Maryland .....	6,380	6,860	6,377	6,367	6,528	5,864
Mississippi .....	14,874	15,477	15,042	15,401	15,672	15,201
Missouri .....	5,767	5,113	5,494	5,387	5,186	5,408
North Carolina .....	16,434	16,649	16,338	16,820	16,227	16,376
Oklahoma .....	5,067	4,573	4,237	4,156	4,315	4,430
Pennsylvania .....	3,138	3,151	2,954	2,993	3,007	2,997
South Carolina .....	4,520	4,819	3,779	3,766	4,623	4,937
Texas .....	12,250	12,350	12,113	12,345	12,171	12,083
Virginia .....	4,604	4,935	5,187	5,009	5,021	5,264
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,207	10,680	11,626	10,561	10,290	10,841
19 State total .....	166,241	167,076	165,502	167,067	166,533	167,209
Previous year total .....	172,506	174,014	172,512	172,753	171,318	169,855
Percent of previous year .....	96	96	96	97	97	98

## 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.

**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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