



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 23, 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 23, 2012. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through June 23, 2012 were 4.11 billion, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	May 19, 2012	May 26, 2012	June 2, 2012	June 9, 2012	June 16, 2012	June 23, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,424	28,321	28,329	28,277	27,872	27,279
Arkansas	21,826	21,553	21,790	21,492	21,354	20,870
Delaware	3,696	3,699	3,710	3,547	3,519	3,557
Florida	1,353	1,353	1,352	1,350	1,351	1,353
Georgia	32,634	32,656	33,032	32,466	32,496	31,982
Kentucky	7,871	7,893	7,759	7,647	7,676	7,434
Louisiana	3,455	3,409	3,500	3,439	3,409	3,303
Maryland	7,200	7,388	7,672	7,194	7,483	7,456
Mississippi	18,095	18,078	18,065	18,000	17,404	17,938
Missouri	7,726	7,989	7,988	8,023	7,635	7,196
North Carolina	20,428	19,953	20,166	19,843	19,508	19,494
Oklahoma	6,843	7,133	6,801	7,024	6,600	6,473
Pennsylvania	3,710	3,838	3,840	3,789	3,781	3,685
South Carolina	5,462	5,277	5,091	5,558	5,066	5,299
Texas	14,589	15,070	15,039	14,790	14,550	14,563
Virginia	6,279	6,353	6,425	6,325	6,252	6,219
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,129	11,060	10,756	10,589	10,736	10,860
19 State total	200,720	201,023	201,315	199,353	196,692	194,961
Previous year total	206,792	205,932	205,234	204,659	199,826	198,340
Percent of previous year	97	98	98	97	98	98

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	May 19, 2012	May 26, 2012	June 2, 2012	June 9, 2012	June 16, 2012	June 23, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,746	20,482	20,128	20,717	20,257	20,364
Arkansas	19,908	20,303	20,800	20,656	20,394	19,950
Delaware	4,361	3,733	4,235	4,333	4,764	5,003
Florida	1,509	1,333	1,285	1,175	1,260	1,058
Georgia	26,806	28,532	27,656	27,682	28,166	28,213
Kentucky	5,950	6,768	6,305	6,213	6,571	6,378
Louisiana	3,075	3,111	3,084	3,077	3,240	3,327
Maryland	6,377	6,367	6,528	5,864	5,801	6,164
Mississippi	15,042	15,401	15,672	15,208	15,594	15,435
Missouri	5,494	5,387	5,186	5,408	6,084	5,727
North Carolina	16,338	16,820	16,227	16,345	16,154	16,308
Oklahoma	4,237	4,156	4,315	4,430	3,636	4,749
Pennsylvania	2,954	2,993	3,007	3,023	3,054	3,177
South Carolina	3,779	3,766	4,623	4,937	4,676	4,803
Texas	12,113	12,345	12,171	12,083	12,325	12,145
Virginia	5,187	5,009	5,021	5,264	4,922	4,526
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,676	10,618	10,341	10,856	10,514	10,502
19 State total	165,552	167,124	166,584	167,271	167,412	167,829
Previous year total	172,512	172,753	171,318	169,855	168,765	168,554
Percent of previous year	96	97	97	98	99	100

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.

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