



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Down Slightly**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 198 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 27, 2013. This was down slightly 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 Down 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 27, 2013. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through April 27, 2013 for the 19 State total were 2.78 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	March 23, 2013	March 30, 2013	April 6, 2013	April 13, 2013	April 20, 2013	April 27, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	27,971	28,383	28,134	28,392	27,912	27,314
Arkansas .....	21,080	21,504	21,714	21,809	21,109	20,913
Delaware .....	3,323	3,413	3,411	3,412	3,540	3,411
Florida .....	1,220	1,221	1,225	1,175	1,221	1,221
Georgia .....	32,852	32,702	32,908	32,961	33,132	33,213
Kentucky .....	7,660	7,916	7,648	7,707	7,747	7,610
Louisiana .....	3,455	3,531	3,500	3,546	3,546	3,470
Maryland .....	7,399	7,625	7,407	7,582	7,598	7,580
Mississippi .....	17,593	17,741	17,906	17,603	17,814	17,823
Missouri .....	8,126	8,027	7,686	8,341	8,313	8,018
North Carolina .....	19,942	20,350	19,965	19,878	19,797	19,963
Oklahoma .....	6,619	6,538	6,755	6,564	6,354	6,589
Pennsylvania .....	3,890	3,718	4,009	3,883	3,876	3,903
South Carolina .....	5,346	5,373	5,365	5,401	5,203	5,420
Texas .....	15,162	14,651	14,535	14,417	14,767	14,851
Virginia .....	6,518	6,591	6,622	6,636	6,562	6,568
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,273	11,023	10,956	10,738	10,759	10,156
19 State total .....	199,429	200,307	199,746	200,045	199,250	198,023
Percent of previous year .....	102	101	100	100	100	100
Other States .....	8,133	8,030	7,873	8,134	8,039	8,067
United States .....	207,562	208,337	207,619	208,179	207,289	206,090

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

State	Week ending					
	March 23, 2013	March 30, 2013	April 6, 2013	April 13, 2013	April 20, 2013	April 27, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,182	20,553	21,761	20,898	21,280	20,609
Arkansas .....	20,406	21,409	20,019	19,104	19,573	19,698
Delaware .....	4,602	3,808	4,213	3,528	3,652	3,628
Florida .....	1,141	1,291	1,224	1,328	1,443	1,336
Georgia .....	26,878	26,254	26,381	26,672	26,420	27,241
Kentucky .....	6,691	5,585	6,333	5,891	6,589	6,027
Louisiana .....	2,994	3,288	3,056	3,116	3,175	3,149
Maryland .....	5,503	6,642	5,548	6,852	5,981	6,523
Mississippi .....	14,896	14,374	15,113	14,917	15,069	15,092
Missouri .....	5,769	5,560	5,418	5,954	6,183	5,296
North Carolina .....	16,298	15,778	15,739	15,062	15,815	15,673
Oklahoma .....	4,171	3,390	4,005	4,439	4,260	4,845
Pennsylvania .....	2,947	3,118	2,990	3,092	2,952	3,272
South Carolina .....	3,898	4,811	4,644	4,744	4,292	5,087
Texas .....	12,471	12,133	12,612	12,676	12,050	11,874
Virginia .....	4,856	5,052	5,851	4,896	5,632	5,178
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,854	11,250	10,178	10,519	10,246	10,836
19 State total .....	164,557	164,296	165,085	163,688	164,612	165,364
Percent of previous year .....	100	99	100	100	99	99
Other States .....	5,767	5,690	5,837	6,329	6,077	5,659
United States .....	170,324	169,986	170,922	170,017	170,689	171,023

## 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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