



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 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 4, 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 4, 2013. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through May 4, 2013 for the 19 State total were 2.95 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 30, 2013	April 6, 2013	April 13, 2013	April 20, 2013	April 27, 2013	May 4, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,383	28,134	28,256	27,912	27,314	28,065
Arkansas	21,504	21,714	21,809	21,109	20,913	21,984
Delaware	3,413	3,411	3,412	3,540	3,411	3,475
Florida	1,221	1,225	1,175	1,221	1,221	1,222
Georgia	32,702	32,908	33,073	33,132	33,023	33,059
Kentucky	7,916	7,600	7,715	7,747	7,630	7,795
Louisiana	3,531	3,500	3,546	3,546	3,470	3,485
Maryland	7,625	7,407	7,582	7,598	7,580	7,647
Mississippi	17,741	17,906	17,603	17,814	17,823	17,794
Missouri	8,224	7,686	8,341	8,313	8,018	8,125
North Carolina	20,350	19,965	20,025	19,797	19,963	20,186
Oklahoma	6,538	6,755	6,737	6,354	6,589	6,560
Pennsylvania	3,718	4,074	3,896	3,892	4,140	3,353
South Carolina	5,373	5,365	5,401	5,203	5,420	5,286
Texas	14,631	14,515	14,407	14,757	14,842	14,796
Virginia	6,591	6,622	6,636	6,562	6,568	6,739
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,023	10,956	10,738	10,759	10,538	10,515
19 State total	200,484	199,743	200,352	199,256	198,463	200,086
Percent of previous year	101	100	100	100	100	100
Other States	8,030	7,873	8,063	8,039	8,067	8,197
United States	208,514	207,616	208,415	207,295	206,530	208,283

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

State	Week ending					
	March 30, 2013	April 6, 2013	April 13, 2013	April 20, 2013	April 27, 2013	May 4, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,553	21,768	20,904	21,291	20,601	21,068
Arkansas	21,409	20,019	19,104	19,573	19,698	20,668
Delaware	3,808	4,213	3,528	3,652	3,710	4,314
Florida	1,291	1,224	1,328	1,443	1,336	1,522
Georgia	26,254	26,381	26,686	26,420	27,026	26,481
Kentucky	5,585	6,333	5,891	6,589	6,031	5,833
Louisiana	3,288	3,056	3,116	3,175	3,149	3,140
Maryland	6,642	5,548	6,852	5,981	6,435	6,237
Mississippi	14,374	15,109	14,908	15,067	15,099	14,867
Missouri	5,560	5,418	5,954	6,183	5,296	5,385
North Carolina	15,778	15,739	15,062	15,815	15,750	16,235
Oklahoma	3,390	4,005	4,439	4,260	4,845	4,469
Pennsylvania	3,118	2,951	3,094	2,954	3,220	3,222
South Carolina	4,811	4,644	4,744	4,292	5,087	4,306
Texas	12,133	12,612	12,676	12,050	11,874	11,783
Virginia	5,052	5,851	4,896	5,632	5,178	5,395
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,250	10,178	10,519	10,246	10,836	10,823
19 State total	164,296	165,049	163,701	164,623	165,171	165,748
Percent of previous year	99	100	100	99	99	100
Other States	5,690	5,837	6,329	6,077	5,659	5,949
United States	169,986	170,886	170,030	170,700	170,830	171,697

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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