



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 29, 2013. This was up 2 percent 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 29, 2013. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through June 29, 2013 for the 19 State total were 4.28 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	May 25, 2013	June 1, 2013	June 8, 2013	June 15, 2013	June 22, 2013	June 29, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,146	28,238	28,387	28,022	28,449	28,317
Arkansas	22,058	21,717	21,897	21,904	21,080	21,396
Delaware	3,501	3,554	3,691	3,677	3,691	3,691
Florida	1,214	1,222	1,223	1,223	1,222	1,222
Georgia	33,583	33,369	33,742	33,515	33,994	33,316
Kentucky	7,862	7,964	7,776	7,865	7,829	7,605
Louisiana	3,500	3,561	3,501	3,501	3,577	3,546
Maryland	7,621	7,641	7,706	7,811	7,657	7,659
Mississippi	17,982	17,982	18,102	17,201	17,890	17,318
Missouri	8,271	8,373	8,361	8,440	8,079	8,261
North Carolina	20,455	20,623	20,545	20,372	20,312	20,114
Oklahoma	6,951	7,004	6,884	7,034	6,745	6,887
Pennsylvania	4,013	4,139	4,170	4,240	4,109	4,147
South Carolina	5,212	5,416	5,334	5,305	5,255	5,607
Texas	15,102	15,030	14,372	14,872	15,044	14,375
Virginia	6,551	6,554	6,560	6,545	6,556	6,486
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,825	11,057	10,784	11,140	10,251	10,101
19 State total	202,847	203,444	203,035	202,667	201,740	200,048
Percent of previous year	101	101	102	103	103	102
Other States	8,150	8,149	8,130	8,184	7,899	8,032
United States	210,997	211,593	211,165	210,851	209,639	208,080

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

State	Week ending					
	May 25, 2013	June 1, 2013	June 8, 2013	June 15, 2013	June 22, 2013	June 29, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,564	21,784	21,017	21,409	20,830	21,897
Arkansas	20,308	21,119	20,950	20,593	19,067	21,568
Delaware	3,931	4,390	4,255	4,378	4,439	4,133
Florida	1,295	1,316	1,265	1,274	1,560	1,417
Georgia	26,733	27,125	28,206	27,232	27,358	26,199
Kentucky	6,718	6,061	6,081	6,519	6,757	6,054
Louisiana	3,117	3,127	3,118	3,124	3,169	3,123
Maryland	6,513	6,786	6,567	5,504	5,868	6,369
Mississippi	15,097	15,379	15,349	15,350	15,295	15,350
Missouri	5,399	5,697	6,138	6,092	5,856	5,209
North Carolina	15,182	15,907	16,168	15,869	15,993	16,648
Oklahoma	4,670	3,985	3,551	4,108	5,750	4,097
Pennsylvania	2,527	2,555	3,040	3,057	3,396	3,305
South Carolina	4,472	4,015	4,269	5,004	4,447	5,399
Texas	12,433	12,302	12,612	12,643	12,636	11,840
Virginia	6,139	4,823	5,247	5,556	4,836	5,435
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,432	10,192	10,288	10,146	10,737	10,340
19 State total	166,530	166,563	168,121	167,858	167,994	168,383
Percent of previous year	100	100	100	100	100	101
Other States	6,044	6,075	6,094	6,006	5,949	5,908
United States	172,574	172,638	174,215	173,864	173,943	174,291

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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