Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 10, 2010. 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 Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 10, 2010. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through July 10, 2010 were 4.59 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set - 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	June 5, 2010	June 12, 2010	June 19, 2010	June 26, 2010	July 3, 2010	July 10, 2010
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,011	31,091	30,862	31,422	31,355	30,782
Arkansas	24,406	24,656	23,927	24,254	24,298	23,438
Delaware	3,817	3,816	3,814	3,814	3,866	3,879
Florida	1,388	1,389	1,388	1,385	1,388	1,390
Georgia	32,128	32,354	32,103	32,435	31,394	31,599
Kentucky	7,944	7,732	7,793	8,059	7,547	7,669
Louisiana	3,500	3,455	3,455	3,455	3,470	3,470
Maryland	8,209	8,071	7,916	8,316	7,979	7,723
Mississippi	19,610	19,335	19,354	19,550	19,293	19,083
North Carolina	20,070	19,940	20,095	19,673	19,308	20,044
Oklahoma	6,830	6,866	6,924	6,295	6,321	6,211
Pennsylvania	3,682	3,873	3,754	3,842	3,765	3,515
South Carolina	5,771	5,836	6,137	5,967	6,034	5,937
Texas	16,223	16,100	16,169	16,093	14,930	15,975
Virginia	6,539	6,480	6,465	6,475	6,533	6,755
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	20,348	19,836	19,984	20,165	19,300	19,183
19 State total	211,476	210,830	210,140	211,200	206,781	206,653
Previous year total	206,916	205,567	204,273	202,562	201,322	202,101
Percent of previous year	102	103	103	104	103	102

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed - 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	June 5, 2010	June 12, 2010	June 19, 2010	June 26, 2010	July 3, 2010	July 10, 2010
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,077	21,750	21,742	22,338	21,723	22,254
Arkansas	21,670	22,042	21,984	21,797	22,691	21,450
Delaware	4,737	4,858	5,206	4,387	4,775	4,762
Florida	1,025	1,029	1,039	1,020	1,127	980
Georgia	27,880	27,628	27,457	26,601	27,776	26,744
Kentucky	6,780	6,430	6,657	6,506	6,135	5,905
Louisiana	3,059	3,118	3,199	3,164	3,132	3,140
Maryland	6,146	6,129	5,901	6,529	7,024	6,539
Mississippi	17,234	17,086	16,883	16,880	16,902	16,681
North Carolina	15,750	16,445	15,826	15,716	15,461	15,596
Oklahoma	4,393	5,319	4,847	3,847	4,131	4,663
Pennsylvania	2,956	3,114	2,828	3,008	3,171	3,022
South Carolina	4,873	4,462	5,270	5,486	4,975	4,799
Texas	13,284	13,429	13,509	13,607	13,511	13,571
Virginia	5,372	5,229	5,450	5,697	4,707	5,361
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	17,412	16,832	17,597	18,690	17,751	17,565
19 State total	173,648	174,900	175,395	175,273	174,992	173,032
Previous year total	171,580	171,600	171,801	171,828	170,752	169,460
Percent of previous year	101	102	102	102	102	102

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected from all known chicken hatcheries within the 19 States. 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 known hatcheries within the 19 States respond via fax. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone.

Estimation 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. All hatcheries are accounted for in the estimates. 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* S*ummary* released in April.

Reliability: Hatchery estimates are based on a census of all known operating hatcheries and therefore, have no sampling error. However, 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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