



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 7, 2010. This was up 3 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 August 7, 2010. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through August 7, 2010 were 5.28 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	July 3, 2010	July 10, 2010	July 17, 2010	July 24, 2010	July 31, 2010	August 7, 2010
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,328	30,772	30,745	30,595	30,373	30,364
Arkansas	24,158	23,205	24,193	24,010	24,037	24,118
Delaware	3,866	3,879	3,913	3,915	3,915	3,920
Florida	1,388	1,390	1,389	1,391	1,358	1,383
Georgia	31,394	31,599	32,298	32,349	32,430	32,358
Kentucky	7,474	7,545	7,874	7,428	7,995	7,354
Louisiana	3,470	3,470	3,122	3,409	3,372	3,424
Maryland	7,979	7,723	8,149	7,855	7,767	7,723
Mississippi	19,293	18,838	19,374	19,146	19,429	19,010
North Carolina	19,453	20,031	20,353	19,974	20,097	19,677
Oklahoma	6,321	6,211	6,539	6,246	6,554	6,352
Pennsylvania	3,966	3,367	3,642	3,913	3,639	3,847
South Carolina	6,034	5,937	5,750	6,065	5,779	6,135
Texas	14,930	15,975	16,064	15,962	15,721	15,994
Virginia	6,533	6,637	6,410	6,721	6,263	6,106
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	19,476	19,214	19,583	19,262	19,449	19,471
19 State total	207,063	205,793	209,398	208,241	208,178	207,236
Previous year total	201,322	202,101	204,579	201,353	201,806	200,277
Percent of previous year	103	102	102	103	103	103

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	July 3, 2010	July 10, 2010	July 17, 2010	July 24, 2010	July 31, 2010	August 7, 2010
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,723	22,254	21,382	22,328	21,265	21,106
Arkansas	22,691	21,451	20,958	21,622	21,238	21,478
Delaware	4,775	4,762	4,685	4,960	5,184	4,181
Florida	1,127	980	1,007	1,028	1,038	1,041
Georgia	27,777	26,758	27,051	26,493	27,077	27,542
Kentucky	6,135	5,994	6,069	5,777	6,500	6,616
Louisiana	3,132	3,140	3,108	3,246	3,137	2,814
Maryland	7,024	6,539	6,136	5,974	5,748	7,178
Mississippi	16,902	16,681	16,996	16,312	16,310	17,031
North Carolina	15,461	15,596	15,827	15,008	15,816	16,065
Oklahoma	4,131	4,663	4,802	3,329	4,328	4,783
Pennsylvania	3,101	3,082	3,159	3,022	2,740	2,969
South Carolina	4,975	4,799	5,371	5,147	4,751	4,781
Texas	13,511	13,571	13,684	12,336	13,435	13,665
Virginia	4,707	5,361	5,413	5,355	5,524	4,925
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	17,703	17,691	18,388	17,309	16,219	16,431
19 State total	174,875	173,322	174,036	169,246	170,310	172,606
Previous year total	170,752	169,460	168,472	166,973	167,724	169,883
Percent of previous year	102	102	103	101	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.

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. 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 Summary* 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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