



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 14, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 14, 2010. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through August 14, 2010 were 5.45 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	July 10, 2010	July 17, 2010	July 24, 2010	July 31, 2010	August 7, 2010	August 14, 2010
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)				
Alabama	30,772	30,745	30,629	30,373	30,364	29,924
Arkansas	23,205	24,193	23,705	24,037	23,981	23,013
Delaware	3,879	3,913	3,915	3,915	3,920	3,916
Florida	1,390	1,389	1,391	1,358	1,358	1,358
Georgia	31,599	32,298	32,349	32,430	32,358	31,861
Kentucky	7,545	7,874	7,597	7,995	7,354	7,682
Louisiana	3,470	3,122	3,409	3,372	3,424	3,440
Maryland	7,723	8,149	7,855	7,767	7,723	7,755
Mississippi	18,838	19,374	19,414	19,429	19,010	19,029
North Carolina	20,031	20,353	19,960	20,097	19,677	19,961
Oklahoma	6,211	6,539	6,246	6,554	6,352	6,404
Pennsylvania	3,367	3,642	3,913	3,634	3,797	3,855
South Carolina	5,937	5,750	6,065	5,779	6,135	6,017
Texas	15,975	16,068	15,967	15,725	15,970	15,696
Virginia	6,637	6,410	6,721	6,263	6,106	6,081
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	19,238	19,606	19,263	19,449	19,540	19,612
19 State total	205,817	209,425	208,399	208,177	207,069	205,604
Previous year total	202,101	204,579	201,353	201,806	200,277	201,307
Percent of previous year	102	102	103	103	103	102

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	July 10, 2010	July 17, 2010	July 24, 2010	July 31, 2010	August 7, 2010	August 14, 2010
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)				
Alabama	22,254	21,382	22,328	21,265	21,106	21,679
Arkansas	21,451	20,958	21,622	21,238	21,567	19,751
Delaware	4,762	4,685	4,960	5,184	4,181	4,826
Florida	980	1,007	1,028	1,038	1,056	1,057
Georgia	26,758	27,051	26,493	27,077	27,600	27,694
Kentucky	5,946	6,021	5,729	6,453	6,616	6,364
Louisiana	3,140	3,108	3,246	3,137	2,814	3,183
Maryland	6,539	6,136	5,974	5,748	7,178	6,577
Mississippi	16,681	16,996	16,312	16,310	17,031	16,714
North Carolina	15,596	15,827	15,008	15,816	16,065	15,871
Oklahoma	4,663	4,802	3,329	4,328	4,783	4,827
Pennsylvania	3,082	3,159	3,022	2,723	2,923	3,146
South Carolina	4,799	5,371	5,147	4,751	4,781	4,325
Texas	13,571	13,683	12,336	13,434	13,666	13,290
Virginia	5,361	5,413	5,355	5,524	4,999	5,098
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	17,664	18,347	17,308	16,216	16,437	17,524
19 State total	173,247	173,946	169,197	170,242	172,803	171,926
Previous year total	169,460	168,472	166,973	167,724	169,883	167,559
Percent of previous year	102	103	101	102	102	103

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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