



# 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 21, 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 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 21, 2010. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through August 21, 2010 were 5.62 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	July 17, 2010	July 24, 2010	July 31, 2010	August 7, 2010	August 14, 2010	August 21, 2010
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	30,745	30,629	30,331	30,364	29,924	30,093
Arkansas .....	24,193	23,705	24,037	23,981	23,183	23,793
Delaware .....	3,913	3,915	3,915	3,920	3,916	3,911
Florida .....	1,389	1,391	1,358	1,358	1,358	1,360
Georgia .....	32,298	32,349	32,430	32,358	31,861	32,567
Kentucky .....	7,874	7,585	7,710	7,354	7,682	7,607
Louisiana .....	3,122	3,409	3,372	3,424	3,440	3,364
Maryland .....	8,149	7,855	7,767	7,723	7,755	7,696
Mississippi .....	19,374	19,414	19,429	19,010	19,029	18,999
North Carolina .....	20,353	19,961	19,954	19,677	19,961	19,876
Oklahoma .....	6,539	6,246	6,554	6,352	6,404	6,393
Pennsylvania .....	3,642	3,913	3,634	3,797	3,975	3,873
South Carolina .....	5,750	6,065	5,779	6,135	6,017	5,655
Texas .....	16,068	15,967	15,943	15,970	15,696	15,997
Virginia .....	6,410	6,721	6,263	6,106	6,081	6,088
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	19,606	19,263	19,449	19,540	19,496	19,671
19 State total .....	209,425	208,388	207,925	207,069	205,778	206,943
Previous year total .....	204,579	201,353	201,806	200,277	201,307	200,665
Percent of previous year .....	102	103	103	103	102	103

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	July 17, 2010	July 24, 2010	July 31, 2010	August 7, 2010	August 14, 2010	August 21, 2010
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,382	22,328	21,265	21,106	21,679	21,609
Arkansas .....	20,958	21,622	21,238	21,567	19,860	21,702
Delaware .....	4,685	4,960	5,184	4,181	4,826	4,742
Florida .....	1,007	1,028	1,038	1,056	1,057	1,012
Georgia .....	27,051	26,493	27,077	27,600	27,694	26,301
Kentucky .....	6,021	5,729	6,453	6,616	6,364	5,839
Louisiana .....	3,108	3,246	3,137	2,814	3,183	3,007
Maryland .....	6,136	5,974	5,748	7,178	6,577	6,179
Mississippi .....	16,996	16,312	16,310	17,031	16,714	16,823
North Carolina .....	15,827	15,008	15,816	16,065	15,871	15,990
Oklahoma .....	4,802	3,329	4,328	4,783	4,827	4,364
Pennsylvania .....	3,159	3,022	2,723	2,923	3,063	2,884
South Carolina .....	5,371	5,147	4,751	4,781	4,325	5,356
Texas .....	13,683	12,336	13,434	13,666	13,290	13,565
Virginia .....	5,413	5,355	5,524	4,999	5,098	5,083
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	18,347	17,308	16,216	16,437	17,382	16,977
19 State total .....	173,946	169,197	170,242	172,803	171,810	171,433
Previous year total .....	168,472	166,973	167,724	169,883	167,559	166,917
Percent of previous year .....	103	101	102	102	103	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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