



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 3 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 28, 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 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 28, 2010. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through August 28, 2010 were 5.79 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	July 24, 2010	July 31, 2010	August 7, 2010	August 14, 2010	August 21, 2010	August 28, 2010
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	30,629	30,331	30,376	29,924	30,093	30,388
Arkansas .....	23,705	24,037	24,123	23,183	23,793	24,272
Delaware .....	3,915	3,915	3,920	3,916	3,911	3,918
Florida .....	1,391	1,358	1,358	1,358	1,360	1,358
Georgia .....	32,349	32,430	32,358	31,861	32,567	31,742
Kentucky .....	7,585	7,710	7,493	7,682	7,607	7,703
Louisiana .....	3,409	3,372	3,424	3,440	3,364	3,423
Maryland .....	7,855	7,767	7,723	7,755	7,696	7,375
Mississippi .....	19,414	19,429	19,010	19,029	18,999	18,545
North Carolina .....	19,961	19,954	19,567	19,961	19,876	19,733
Oklahoma .....	6,246	6,554	6,352	6,404	6,393	6,422
Pennsylvania .....	3,913	3,634	3,797	3,975	3,904	3,870
South Carolina .....	6,065	5,779	6,135	6,017	5,655	5,876
Texas .....	15,967	15,943	15,970	15,696	15,997	15,809
Virginia .....	6,721	6,263	6,106	6,081	6,088	6,094
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	19,263	19,685	19,540	19,496	19,448	19,493
19 State total .....	208,388	208,161	207,252	205,778	206,751	206,021
Previous year total .....	201,353	201,806	200,277	201,307	200,665	200,648
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	103	102	103	103

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

State	Week ending					
	July 24, 2010	July 31, 2010	August 7, 2010	August 14, 2010	August 21, 2010	August 28, 2010
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,328	21,265	21,106	21,679	21,609	21,376
Arkansas .....	21,622	21,238	21,567	19,860	21,702	21,232
Delaware .....	4,960	5,184	4,181	4,826	4,742	5,354
Florida .....	1,028	1,038	1,056	1,057	1,012	1,017
Georgia .....	26,493	27,077	27,600	27,694	26,333	27,483
Kentucky .....	5,729	6,453	6,616	6,364	5,839	6,465
Louisiana .....	3,246	3,137	2,814	3,183	3,007	3,028
Maryland .....	5,974	5,748	7,178	6,577	6,179	5,383
Mississippi .....	16,312	16,310	17,031	16,714	16,823	16,466
North Carolina .....	15,008	15,816	16,065	15,871	15,990	15,092
Oklahoma .....	3,329	4,328	4,783	4,827	4,364	3,934
Pennsylvania .....	3,022	2,723	2,923	3,063	2,925	3,074
South Carolina .....	5,147	4,751	4,781	4,325	5,356	5,085
Texas .....	12,336	13,434	13,666	13,290	13,565	13,501
Virginia .....	5,355	5,524	4,999	5,098	5,083	5,106
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	17,308	16,276	16,437	17,382	16,977	16,869
19 State total .....	169,197	170,302	172,803	171,810	171,506	170,465
Previous year total .....	166,973	167,724	169,883	167,559	166,917	166,236
Percent of previous year .....	101	102	102	103	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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