



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 6 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 11, 2010. This was up 6 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 September 11, 2010. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through September 11, 2010 were 6.13 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	August 7, 2010	August 14, 2010	August 21, 2010	August 28, 2010	September 4, 2010	September 11, 2010
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	30,376	29,958	30,014	30,388	30,514	29,912
Arkansas .....	24,123	23,631	23,867	24,310	22,983	23,679
Delaware .....	3,920	3,916	3,911	3,919	3,916	3,801
Florida .....	1,358	1,358	1,360	1,358	1,357	1,344
Georgia .....	32,358	31,922	32,567	32,007	32,136	31,509
Kentucky .....	7,493	7,705	7,730	7,703	7,818	8,073
Louisiana .....	3,424	3,440	3,364	3,423	3,409	3,394
Maryland .....	7,723	7,755	7,696	7,375	6,998	7,008
Mississippi .....	19,010	19,029	18,999	18,545	18,336	19,017
North Carolina .....	19,567	19,893	19,963	19,733	18,813	18,787
Oklahoma .....	6,352	6,404	6,393	6,422	6,274	6,332
Pennsylvania .....	3,797	3,975	3,904	3,836	3,808	3,734
South Carolina .....	6,135	6,017	5,655	5,876	5,754	5,444
Texas .....	15,992	15,674	15,976	15,788	15,804	16,143
Virginia .....	6,106	6,081	6,088	6,094	6,158	6,176
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	19,523	19,515	19,431	19,302	19,572	19,620
19 State total .....	207,257	206,273	206,918	206,079	203,650	203,973
Previous year total .....	200,277	201,307	200,665	200,648	195,627	193,228
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	103	103	104	106

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

State	Week ending					
	August 7, 2010	August 14, 2010	August 21, 2010	August 28, 2010	September 4, 2010	September 11, 2010
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,106	21,679	21,609	21,336	20,939	21,512
Arkansas .....	21,567	19,860	21,705	21,244	20,964	20,718
Delaware .....	4,181	4,826	4,742	5,095	5,281	4,960
Florida .....	1,056	1,057	1,012	1,017	1,015	1,082
Georgia .....	27,600	27,694	26,333	27,529	27,425	27,141
Kentucky .....	6,649	6,397	5,872	6,498	6,366	5,973
Louisiana .....	2,814	3,183	3,007	3,028	2,978	2,927
Maryland .....	7,178	6,577	6,179	5,714	5,905	6,058
Mississippi .....	17,031	16,714	16,823	16,466	16,305	16,383
North Carolina .....	16,065	15,871	15,990	15,092	15,716	15,818
Oklahoma .....	4,783	4,827	4,364	3,934	4,887	5,095
Pennsylvania .....	2,923	3,063	2,925	3,076	3,223	3,184
South Carolina .....	4,781	4,325	5,356	5,085	4,793	4,652
Texas .....	13,684	13,307	13,583	13,519	13,164	13,445
Virginia .....	4,999	5,098	5,083	5,106	4,653	4,540
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	16,417	17,379	16,996	16,868	16,109	17,452
19 State total .....	172,834	171,857	171,579	170,607	169,723	170,940
Previous year total .....	169,883	167,559	166,917	166,236	167,105	166,413
Percent of previous year .....	102	103	103	103	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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