



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 25, 2010. This was up 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 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 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 25, 2010. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through September 25, 2010 were 6.47 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	August 21, 2010	August 28, 2010	September 4, 2010	September 11, 2010	September 18, 2010	September 25, 2010
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,014	30,373	30,543	29,912	29,850	30,290
Arkansas	23,867	24,310	22,874	23,679	23,043	23,981
Delaware	3,911	3,919	3,916	3,801	3,874	4,044
Florida	1,360	1,358	1,357	1,344	1,099	1,360
Georgia	32,567	32,007	32,136	31,403	30,292	32,239
Kentucky	7,730	7,782	7,906	8,073	7,534	8,207
Louisiana	3,364	3,423	3,409	3,394	3,440	3,456
Maryland	7,696	7,375	6,998	7,008	6,876	7,232
Mississippi	18,999	18,545	18,336	19,017	18,701	17,010
North Carolina	19,963	19,688	18,832	18,787	18,842	19,708
Oklahoma	6,393	6,422	6,274	6,332	6,639	6,583
Pennsylvania	3,904	3,836	3,808	3,843	3,697	3,755
South Carolina	5,655	5,876	5,754	5,444	5,777	5,863
Texas	15,976	15,788	15,804	16,143	13,735	15,186
Virginia	6,088	6,094	6,158	6,176	6,286	6,117
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	19,413	19,303	19,539	19,476	18,032	18,675
19 State total	206,900	206,099	203,644	203,832	197,717	203,706
Previous year total	200,665	200,648	195,627	193,228	187,892	193,476
Percent of previous year	103	103	104	105	105	105

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	August 21, 2010	August 28, 2010	September 4, 2010	September 11, 2010	September 18, 2010	September 25, 2010
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,609	21,336	20,939	21,520	21,402	21,296
Arkansas	21,705	21,244	20,964	20,718	20,534	21,172
Delaware	4,742	5,095	5,281	4,960	4,780	5,136
Florida	1,012	1,017	1,015	1,082	1,084	1,092
Georgia	26,333	27,529	27,425	27,164	26,654	27,702
Kentucky	5,872	6,498	6,366	5,973	5,568	6,817
Louisiana	3,007	3,028	2,978	2,927	2,969	2,974
Maryland	6,179	5,714	5,905	6,058	5,606	5,237
Mississippi	16,823	16,466	16,305	16,383	16,134	15,031
North Carolina	15,990	15,092	15,761	15,818	15,745	14,309
Oklahoma	4,364	3,934	4,887	5,348	4,355	3,273
Pennsylvania	2,925	3,076	3,223	3,170	3,143	3,100
South Carolina	5,356	5,085	4,793	4,652	4,810	4,885
Texas	13,583	13,519	13,164	13,445	14,121	13,488
Virginia	5,083	5,106	4,653	4,540	5,183	5,149
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	17,017	16,868	16,126	16,642	17,273	16,628
19 State total	171,600	170,607	169,785	170,400	169,361	167,289
Previous year total	166,917	166,236	167,105	166,413	166,623	162,040
Percent of previous year	103	103	102	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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