



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 9, 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 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 9, 2010. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through October 9, 2010 were 6.80 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	September 4, 2010	September 11, 2010	September 18, 2010	September 25, 2010	October 2, 2010	October 9, 2010
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,543	29,419	29,442	30,290	28,574	29,445
Arkansas	22,874	24,046	23,158	23,851	23,294	23,561
Delaware	3,916	3,801	3,874	4,044	3,952	3,862
Florida	1,357	1,344	1,099	1,360	1,358	1,358
Georgia	32,136	32,258	29,626	32,314	30,648	30,705
Kentucky	7,790	7,869	7,290	8,132	7,306	7,510
Louisiana	3,409	3,394	3,440	3,456	3,098	3,440
Maryland	6,998	7,008	6,876	7,232	7,450	7,514
Mississippi	18,336	19,017	18,701	17,010	17,709	17,764
North Carolina	18,832	18,671	18,433	19,708	19,116	17,523
Oklahoma	6,274	6,332	6,639	6,583	6,336	6,533
Pennsylvania	3,808	3,843	3,697	3,763	3,694	3,760
South Carolina	5,754	5,444	5,777	5,863	5,288	5,127
Texas	15,809	16,149	14,074	15,184	15,474	15,771
Virginia	6,158	6,176	6,286	6,117	5,769	6,461
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	19,528	19,437	17,930	18,629	18,424	19,166
19 State total	203,522	204,208	196,342	203,536	197,490	199,500
Previous year total	195,627	193,228	187,892	193,476	183,016	190,600
Percent of previous year	104	106	104	105	108	105

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	September 4, 2010	September 11, 2010	September 18, 2010	September 25, 2010	October 2, 2010	October 9, 2010
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,939	21,520	21,402	21,250	20,019	20,119
Arkansas	20,964	20,693	20,527	21,175	20,861	21,087
Delaware	5,281	4,960	4,780	5,136	4,565	4,668
Florida	1,015	1,082	1,084	1,092	1,172	1,105
Georgia	27,425	27,164	26,654	27,731	27,586	24,761
Kentucky	6,366	5,973	5,568	6,764	6,984	5,900
Louisiana	2,978	2,927	2,969	2,974	2,775	3,039
Maryland	5,905	6,058	5,606	5,237	6,244	5,542
Mississippi	16,305	16,383	16,134	15,031	16,424	16,017
North Carolina	15,748	15,799	15,745	14,320	14,315	14,279
Oklahoma	4,887	5,348	4,355	3,321	4,993	4,016
Pennsylvania	3,223	3,170	3,143	3,119	3,048	2,942
South Carolina	4,779	4,610	4,810	4,885	5,040	4,746
Texas	13,169	13,450	14,125	13,508	13,838	11,942
Virginia	4,653	4,540	5,183	5,149	4,863	5,140
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,126	16,649	17,282	16,640	16,619	16,409
19 State total	169,763	170,326	169,367	167,332	169,346	161,712
Previous year total	167,105	166,413	166,623	162,040	160,413	155,860
Percent of previous year	102	102	102	103	106	104

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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