



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 23, 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 7 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 23, 2010. Placements were up 7 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through October 23, 2010 were 7.13 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	September 18, 2010	September 25, 2010	October 2, 2010	October 9, 2010	October 16, 2010	October 23, 2010
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,442	30,292	28,544	29,445	28,620	29,381
Arkansas	23,158	24,039	22,821	23,216	23,350	22,462
Delaware	3,874	4,044	3,952	3,862	3,336	3,747
Florida	1,099	1,360	1,358	1,358	1,095	1,220
Georgia	29,626	32,314	30,322	30,319	30,223	30,733
Kentucky	7,315	8,197	7,373	7,510	7,455	7,952
Louisiana	3,440	3,456	3,098	3,440	3,424	3,098
Maryland	6,876	7,232	7,450	7,514	7,148	6,910
Mississippi	18,701	18,049	17,418	17,605	18,527	18,152
North Carolina	18,432	19,762	19,203	17,523	18,831	19,807
Oklahoma	6,639	6,583	6,336	6,533	6,306	6,795
Pennsylvania	3,697	3,763	3,694	3,622	3,718	3,924
South Carolina	5,777	6,021	5,288	5,127	5,313	5,465
Texas	14,074	15,184	15,474	15,771	14,343	14,791
Virginia	6,286	6,195	5,769	6,461	6,229	6,366
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	17,930	18,624	18,424	19,124	17,960	18,209
19 State total	196,366	205,115	196,524	198,430	195,878	199,012
Previous year total	187,892	193,476	183,016	190,600	186,101	188,815
Percent of previous year	105	106	107	104	105	105

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	September 18, 2010	September 25, 2010	October 2, 2010	October 9, 2010	October 16, 2010	October 23, 2010
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,402	21,250	20,019	19,989	20,902	20,438
Arkansas	20,527	21,175	20,861	21,101	20,826	19,788
Delaware	4,780	5,136	4,565	4,668	4,837	4,334
Florida	1,084	1,092	1,172	1,105	1,149	1,101
Georgia	26,654	27,731	27,586	24,744	28,139	24,565
Kentucky	5,572	6,767	6,984	5,899	7,125	5,209
Louisiana	2,969	2,974	2,775	3,039	3,053	2,748
Maryland	5,606	5,237	6,244	5,542	6,642	6,574
Mississippi	16,134	15,031	16,424	16,017	15,492	14,580
North Carolina	15,745	14,320	14,315	14,585	14,715	15,001
Oklahoma	4,355	3,321	4,993	4,016	4,488	4,712
Pennsylvania	3,143	3,119	3,048	2,908	2,958	2,959
South Carolina	4,810	4,885	5,040	4,705	4,803	5,376
Texas	14,125	13,508	13,838	11,942	12,916	13,206
Virginia	5,183	5,149	4,863	5,436	4,698	4,591
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	17,282	16,652	16,619	16,551	16,402	16,364
19 State total	169,371	167,347	169,346	162,247	169,145	161,546
Previous year total	166,623	162,040	160,413	155,860	160,297	150,963
Percent of previous year	102	103	106	104	106	107

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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