



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 8 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 198 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 30, 2010. This was up 8 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 5 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 30, 2010. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through October 30, 2010 were 7.30 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	September 25, 2010	October 2, 2010	October 9, 2010	October 16, 2010	October 23, 2010	October 30, 2010
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	30,292	28,544	29,030	28,620	29,381	27,729
Arkansas .....	24,039	22,821	23,285	23,350	22,462	22,088
Delaware .....	4,044	3,952	3,862	3,336	4,046	3,782
Florida .....	1,360	1,358	1,358	1,095	1,220	1,356
Georgia .....	32,314	30,322	31,686	30,223	30,733	30,905
Kentucky .....	8,197	7,373	7,421	7,455	7,952	7,768
Louisiana .....	3,456	3,098	3,440	3,424	3,098	3,254
Maryland .....	7,232	7,450	7,514	7,148	6,910	7,740
Mississippi .....	18,049	17,418	17,970	18,527	18,152	17,584
North Carolina .....	19,762	19,203	18,196	18,831	19,807	19,894
Oklahoma .....	6,583	6,336	6,533	6,306	6,795	6,833
Pennsylvania .....	3,763	3,694	3,622	3,718	3,513	3,680
South Carolina .....	6,021	5,202	5,189	5,323	5,551	5,723
Texas .....	15,184	15,474	15,771	14,343	14,791	15,087
Virginia .....	6,195	5,769	6,073	6,229	6,366	6,188
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	18,624	18,424	19,203	17,960	18,358	18,594
19 State total .....	205,115	196,438	200,153	195,888	199,135	198,205
Previous year total .....	193,476	183,016	190,600	186,101	188,815	182,901
Percent of previous year .....	106	107	105	105	105	108

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

State	Week ending					
	September 25, 2010	October 2, 2010	October 9, 2010	October 16, 2010	October 23, 2010	October 30, 2010
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,250	20,019	19,989	20,902	20,340	20,051
Arkansas .....	21,175	20,861	21,101	20,826	19,788	21,510
Delaware .....	5,136	4,565	4,668	4,837	4,289	4,635
Florida .....	1,092	1,172	1,105	1,149	1,101	1,217
Georgia .....	27,731	27,586	24,744	28,139	24,565	26,875
Kentucky .....	6,767	6,984	5,899	7,125	5,209	6,735
Louisiana .....	2,974	2,775	3,039	3,053	2,748	2,874
Maryland .....	5,237	6,244	5,542	6,642	6,718	6,466
Mississippi .....	15,031	16,424	16,017	15,492	14,580	15,385
North Carolina .....	14,320	14,315	14,585	14,715	15,001	14,087
Oklahoma .....	3,321	4,993	4,016	4,488	4,712	4,075
Pennsylvania .....	3,119	3,048	2,908	2,958	2,938	2,945
South Carolina .....	4,885	5,040	4,705	4,803	5,376	4,258
Texas .....	13,508	13,838	11,942	12,916	13,206	13,556
Virginia .....	5,149	4,863	5,436	4,698	4,591	4,662
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	16,652	16,619	16,561	16,402	16,365	16,385
19 State total .....	167,347	169,346	162,257	169,145	161,527	165,716
Previous year total .....	162,040	160,413	155,860	160,297	150,963	158,070
Percent of previous year .....	103	106	104	106	107	105

## 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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