



# 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 November 6, 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 5 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 6, 2010. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through November 6, 2010 were 7.46 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	October 2, 2010	October 9, 2010	October 16, 2010	October 23, 2010	October 30, 2010	November 6, 2010
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,544	29,030	28,686	29,381	27,729	27,560
Arkansas .....	22,821	23,285	23,350	22,462	22,088	23,344
Delaware .....	3,952	3,862	3,936	4,046	3,782	4,019
Florida .....	1,358	1,358	1,095	1,220	1,356	1,358
Georgia .....	30,575	31,939	30,476	30,984	31,618	31,838
Kentucky .....	7,431	7,421	7,224	7,952	7,923	7,582
Louisiana .....	3,098	3,440	3,424	3,098	3,254	3,319
Maryland .....	7,450	7,514	7,148	6,910	7,740	7,623
Mississippi .....	17,418	17,970	18,696	18,152	17,584	18,644
North Carolina .....	19,203	18,196	18,603	19,807	19,894	19,715
Oklahoma .....	6,336	6,533	6,306	6,795	6,833	6,273
Pennsylvania .....	3,694	3,622	3,718	3,513	3,621	3,442
South Carolina .....	5,202	5,189	5,323	5,551	5,723	5,440
Texas .....	15,510	15,807	14,355	14,803	15,099	15,443
Virginia .....	5,769	6,073	6,229	6,366	6,188	6,031
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	18,424	19,203	17,960	18,358	18,709	18,015
19 State total .....	196,785	200,442	196,529	199,398	199,141	199,646
Previous year total .....	183,016	190,600	186,101	188,815	182,901	190,700
Percent of previous year .....	108	105	106	106	109	105

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

State	Week ending					
	October 2, 2010	October 9, 2010	October 16, 2010	October 23, 2010	October 30, 2010	November 6, 2010
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,019	19,989	20,902	20,340	20,051	19,741
Arkansas .....	20,861	21,101	20,826	19,788	21,510	20,039
Delaware .....	4,565	4,668	4,837	4,289	4,635	4,979
Florida .....	1,175	1,105	1,149	1,101	1,217	1,064
Georgia .....	27,586	24,744	28,139	24,565	26,876	25,273
Kentucky .....	6,984	5,899	7,125	5,209	6,751	5,290
Louisiana .....	2,775	3,039	3,053	2,748	2,874	2,947
Maryland .....	6,244	5,542	6,642	6,718	6,466	4,825
Mississippi .....	16,424	16,017	15,492	14,580	15,385	16,069
North Carolina .....	14,315	14,585	14,715	15,001	14,087	14,837
Oklahoma .....	4,993	4,016	4,488	4,712	4,075	4,745
Pennsylvania .....	3,048	2,908	2,958	2,938	2,893	2,978
South Carolina .....	5,040	4,705	4,803	5,376	4,258	4,308
Texas .....	13,838	11,971	12,945	13,235	13,585	12,304
Virginia .....	4,863	5,436	4,698	4,591	4,662	5,288
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	16,619	16,561	16,402	16,365	16,222	16,730
19 State total .....	169,349	162,286	169,174	161,556	165,547	161,417
Previous year total .....	160,413	155,860	160,297	150,963	158,070	153,967
Percent of previous year .....	106	104	106	107	105	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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