



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down Slightly**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 18, 2010. This was down slightly 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 18, 2010. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through December 18, 2010 were 8.46 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	November 13, 2010	November 20, 2010	November 27, 2010	December 4, 2010	December 11, 2010	December 18, 2010
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,397	29,358	30,049	29,501	29,788	29,994
Arkansas .....	23,436	23,072	22,822	23,007	23,197	23,072
Delaware .....	4,045	4,004	4,216	4,150	4,181	4,090
Florida .....	1,235	1,360	1,359	1,360	1,310	1,236
Georgia .....	32,651	33,066	33,041	33,477	33,031	33,461
Kentucky .....	7,704	7,558	7,680	7,184	7,625	7,128
Louisiana .....	3,486	3,470	3,395	3,395	3,364	3,425
Maryland .....	7,399	7,587	7,276	7,291	7,661	7,653
Mississippi .....	18,232	18,477	18,675	18,346	18,727	17,903
North Carolina .....	20,449	20,437	20,311	19,702	19,874	19,933
Oklahoma .....	6,540	6,281	6,463	6,211	6,307	6,437
Pennsylvania .....	3,788	3,957	3,876	3,959	4,050	3,959
South Carolina .....	5,535	5,617	5,726	5,432	5,587	5,585
Texas .....	15,687	15,910	16,523	15,272	15,698	15,745
Virginia .....	5,305	5,999	5,934	5,943	5,951	5,655
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	18,940	19,212	19,511	18,637	19,113	18,935
19 State total .....	203,829	205,365	206,857	202,867	205,464	204,211
Previous year total .....	201,573	201,906	202,644	201,274	205,271	204,677
Percent of previous year .....	101	102	102	101	100	100

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

State	Week ending					
	November 13, 2010	November 20, 2010	November 27, 2010	December 4, 2010	December 11, 2010	December 18, 2010
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,394	20,245	19,051	19,825	20,107	21,107
Arkansas .....	20,001	20,489	21,461	20,162	21,159	20,771
Delaware .....	5,102	4,738	5,116	4,967	5,663	4,452
Florida .....	1,222	1,207	1,334	1,219	1,207	1,183
Georgia .....	25,363	24,284	26,705	27,178	27,160	27,692
Kentucky .....	6,196	5,890	5,804	5,981	6,624	6,355
Louisiana .....	2,986	2,985	2,906	3,057	3,022	3,012
Maryland .....	5,712	6,285	5,450	6,364	5,145	6,745
Mississippi .....	15,738	15,118	15,936	15,713	16,160	16,301
North Carolina .....	15,375	15,927	16,274	15,476	15,943	16,236
Oklahoma .....	5,296	4,480	3,514	4,975	3,310	4,543
Pennsylvania .....	2,835	2,935	3,151	3,081	3,180	3,175
South Carolina .....	5,089	5,044	4,496	4,599	4,656	4,117
Texas .....	12,745	13,442	12,651	13,339	13,588	14,021
Virginia .....	4,735	5,184	4,970	4,376	5,249	4,355
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	15,532	16,258	16,069	17,967	16,877	15,733
19 State total .....	164,321	164,511	164,888	168,279	169,050	169,798
Previous year total .....	156,298	151,209	158,544	166,323	167,012	168,345
Percent of previous year .....	105	109	104	101	101	101

## 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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