



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 19, 2011. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 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 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 19, 2011. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through February 19, 2011 were 1.18 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	January 15, 2011	January 22, 2011	January 29, 2011	February 5, 2011	February 12, 2011	February 19, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)				
Alabama .....	29,953	29,923	30,439	29,855	30,143	31,010
Arkansas .....	23,176	23,503	22,819	23,426	22,979	23,340
Delaware .....	4,014	4,040	4,039	3,980	3,768	4,002
Florida .....	1,360	1,343	1,341	1,360	1,360	1,360
Georgia .....	32,769	32,685	33,059	33,628	33,723	33,630
Kentucky .....	7,389	6,879	7,864	8,006	8,025	7,944
Louisiana .....	3,395	3,395	3,287	3,395	3,395	3,379
Maryland .....	7,672	7,593	7,635	7,695	7,703	7,707
Mississippi .....	18,805	18,733	18,404	18,965	18,376	18,736
North Carolina .....	19,943	19,851	19,673	19,464	19,636	19,644
Oklahoma .....	7,207	7,049	7,016	6,974	7,181	7,019
Pennsylvania .....	4,073	4,073	3,892	3,914	4,001	3,880
South Carolina .....	5,553	5,544	5,673	5,452	5,579	5,610
Texas .....	15,510	15,082	14,404	14,320	14,234	14,931
Virginia .....	5,979	5,641	5,905	5,971	6,081	6,110
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	18,301	18,782	18,240	19,266	18,606	18,868
19 State total .....	205,099	204,116	203,690	205,671	204,790	207,170
Previous year total .....	200,307	202,034	202,304	204,076	205,734	206,981
Percent of previous year .....	102	101	101	101	100	100

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	January 15, 2011	January 22, 2011	January 29, 2011	February 5, 2011	February 12, 2011	February 19, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)				
Alabama .....	21,063	20,692	21,000	20,856	20,903	21,762
Arkansas .....	20,231	22,119	20,707	20,823	21,034	21,319
Delaware .....	4,875	5,689	4,420	5,002	4,579	5,336
Florida .....	1,269	1,230	1,224	1,229	1,202	1,201
Georgia .....	27,733	27,123	27,323	27,749	27,209	28,085
Kentucky .....	5,917	5,758	5,600	5,742	6,028	6,357
Louisiana .....	2,962	2,977	2,915	3,002	3,014	2,991
Maryland .....	5,796	4,866	5,928	5,885	5,439	5,874
Mississippi .....	16,168	16,247	16,190	16,293	16,123	15,576
North Carolina .....	16,030	14,841	15,534	15,446	15,715	15,731
Oklahoma .....	4,953	3,515	4,244	5,586	5,162	3,814
Pennsylvania .....	3,168	3,236	3,207	3,302	3,347	3,151
South Carolina .....	4,315	5,123	4,728	4,455	4,805	3,885
Texas .....	13,218	12,879	13,006	13,054	12,668	12,033
Virginia .....	4,568	4,886	5,202	4,971	5,459	4,533
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	15,954	16,326	17,242	14,669	15,104	15,760
19 State total .....	168,220	167,507	168,470	168,064	167,791	167,408
Previous year total .....	167,240	166,113	165,437	163,279	164,631	165,886
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	102	103	102	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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