



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 23, 2011. This was up 1 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 23, 2011. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through April 23, 2011 were 2.72 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	March 19, 2011	March 26, 2011	April 2, 2011	April 9, 2011	April 16, 2011	April 23, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,208	31,067	29,908	30,544	31,264	29,960
Arkansas	23,384	23,252	23,580	23,776	23,464	23,681
Delaware	3,888	3,882	3,892	3,858	3,902	3,903
Florida	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,344	1,221
Georgia	33,153	32,819	33,876	33,408	33,304	33,768
Kentucky	7,763	7,965	7,968	7,862	7,651	7,918
Louisiana	3,440	3,471	3,288	3,440	3,440	3,334
Maryland	7,654	7,741	7,730	7,747	7,749	7,733
Mississippi	19,459	19,549	19,380	19,413	19,520	19,382
North Carolina	20,494	20,276	19,995	20,495	20,584	20,214
Oklahoma	7,270	7,268	7,006	7,310	7,219	7,182
Pennsylvania	3,914	3,697	3,546	3,510	3,461	3,743
South Carolina	5,439	5,746	5,268	5,353	5,496	5,478
Texas	15,166	14,977	15,633	15,528	15,446	15,640
Virginia	6,318	6,590	6,593	6,315	6,040	6,232
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	19,653	19,722	18,625	19,147	19,239	19,292
19 State total	208,563	209,382	207,648	209,066	209,123	208,681
Previous year total	207,915	205,735	204,921	209,257	206,893	207,422
Percent of previous year	100	102	101	100	101	101

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	March 19, 2011	March 26, 2011	April 2, 2011	April 9, 2011	April 16, 2011	April 23, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,592	21,440	20,827	21,456	21,978	21,592
Arkansas	20,908	21,478	21,296	20,131	21,847	21,231
Delaware	4,626	4,824	5,245	4,325	4,634	4,663
Florida	1,249	1,270	1,296	1,243	1,243	1,252
Georgia	28,305	27,603	28,221	27,898	27,852	28,182
Kentucky	6,497	6,766	5,746	6,255	6,937	6,771
Louisiana	3,036	3,227	3,028	3,005	3,064	2,921
Maryland	6,533	6,041	5,547	6,226	6,221	6,320
Mississippi	16,447	16,528	16,560	16,967	17,133	16,695
North Carolina	15,819	15,782	15,475	16,753	15,874	16,194
Oklahoma	4,131	4,837	5,206	5,531	4,199	3,740
Pennsylvania	3,032	3,206	3,229	3,117	2,982	2,816
South Carolina	4,010	4,916	4,991	4,375	5,069	4,480
Texas	13,007	13,170	12,976	12,894	12,608	13,294
Virginia	4,966	5,402	5,439	5,316	5,532	5,112
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	17,429	17,362	17,701	17,199	16,704	17,291
19 State total	170,587	173,852	172,783	172,691	173,877	172,554
Previous year total	170,235	169,700	168,989	171,651	169,539	169,643
Percent of previous year	100	102	102	101	103	102

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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