



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 1 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 7, 2011. This was down 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 7, 2011. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through May 7, 2011 were 3.07 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	April 2, 2011	April 9, 2011	April 16, 2011	April 23, 2011	April 30, 2011	May 7, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	30,239	29,704	30,293	29,960	29,611	29,861
Arkansas .....	23,580	23,776	23,630	23,681	23,061	23,583
Delaware .....	3,892	3,858	3,902	3,850	3,811	3,860
Florida .....	1,360	1,360	1,344	1,221	1,360	1,360
Georgia .....	33,876	33,408	33,304	33,825	33,368	33,663
Kentucky .....	7,997	7,830	7,560	7,918	7,687	8,011
Louisiana .....	3,288	3,440	3,440	3,334	3,288	3,394
Maryland .....	7,730	7,747	7,749	7,733	7,738	7,725
Mississippi .....	19,350	19,413	19,520	19,384	19,289	19,019
North Carolina .....	19,995	20,495	20,584	20,214	20,441	20,284
Oklahoma .....	7,006	7,310	7,219	7,182	7,033	7,073
Pennsylvania .....	3,546	3,691	3,541	3,839	3,753	3,847
South Carolina .....	5,268	5,353	5,496	5,478	5,271	5,422
Texas .....	15,661	15,556	15,591	15,658	15,527	15,355
Virginia .....	6,593	6,315	6,373	6,232	6,685	6,251
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	18,656	19,245	19,307	19,335	19,628	19,239
19 State total .....	208,037	208,501	208,853	208,844	207,551	207,947
Previous year total .....	204,921	209,257	206,893	207,422	207,319	209,188
Percent of previous year .....	102	100	101	101	100	99

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

State	Week ending					
	April 2, 2011	April 9, 2011	April 16, 2011	April 23, 2011	April 30, 2011	May 7, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,827	21,456	21,978	21,592	20,957	20,915
Arkansas .....	21,296	20,131	21,847	21,231	22,162	21,472
Delaware .....	5,245	4,325	4,634	4,614	4,633	5,492
Florida .....	1,296	1,243	1,243	1,252	1,317	1,239
Georgia .....	28,221	27,898	27,852	28,182	28,637	28,527
Kentucky .....	5,746	6,255	6,937	6,771	6,847	6,094
Louisiana .....	3,028	3,005	3,064	2,921	3,029	3,031
Maryland .....	5,547	6,226	6,221	6,355	6,403	6,266
Mississippi .....	16,560	16,967	17,133	16,695	16,666	16,497
North Carolina .....	15,475	16,753	15,874	16,215	16,915	16,603
Oklahoma .....	5,206	5,531	4,199	3,740	4,530	3,730
Pennsylvania .....	3,229	3,117	2,963	2,809	3,013	2,849
South Carolina .....	4,991	4,375	5,069	4,480	3,957	4,301
Texas .....	12,998	12,917	12,631	13,316	13,247	13,223
Virginia .....	5,439	5,316	5,532	5,112	4,906	4,449
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	17,708	17,218	16,773	17,345	16,045	18,580
19 State total .....	172,812	172,733	173,950	172,630	173,264	173,268
Previous year total .....	168,989	171,651	169,539	169,643	172,617	171,075
Percent of previous year .....	102	101	103	102	100	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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