



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 14, 2011. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 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 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 14, 2011. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through May 14, 2011 were 3.24 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	April 9, 2011	April 16, 2011	April 23, 2011	April 30, 2011	May 7, 2011	May 14, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,704	30,293	29,958	29,611	29,861	29,329
Arkansas	23,776	23,630	23,681	23,061	23,583	23,501
Delaware	3,858	3,902	3,850	3,811	3,860	3,740
Florida	1,360	1,344	1,221	1,360	1,360	1,358
Georgia	33,408	33,304	33,825	33,368	33,663	33,479
Kentucky	7,830	7,560	7,974	7,687	8,011	7,934
Louisiana	3,440	3,440	3,334	3,288	3,394	3,319
Maryland	7,747	7,749	7,733	7,738	7,725	7,680
Mississippi	19,413	19,520	19,384	19,289	19,019	19,295
North Carolina	20,495	20,584	20,214	20,441	20,284	20,301
Oklahoma	7,310	7,219	7,182	7,033	7,073	7,073
Pennsylvania	3,691	3,541	4,081	3,933	3,847	3,943
South Carolina	5,353	5,496	5,478	5,271	5,422	5,345
Texas	15,556	15,591	15,658	15,527	15,355	15,418
Virginia	6,315	6,373	6,232	6,685	6,251	6,289
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	19,247	19,426	19,334	19,622	19,235	19,303
19 State total	208,503	208,972	209,139	207,725	207,943	207,307
Previous year total	209,257	206,893	207,422	207,319	209,188	210,586
Percent of previous year	100	101	101	100	99	98

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	April 9, 2011	April 16, 2011	April 23, 2011	April 30, 2011	May 7, 2011	May 14, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,456	21,978	21,592	20,957	20,915	20,891
Arkansas	20,131	21,847	21,231	22,162	21,472	21,894
Delaware	4,325	4,634	4,614	4,633	5,492	5,190
Florida	1,243	1,243	1,252	1,317	1,239	1,182
Georgia	27,898	27,852	28,182	28,637	28,557	28,935
Kentucky	6,255	6,937	6,771	6,847	6,094	6,405
Louisiana	3,005	3,064	2,921	3,029	3,031	2,940
Maryland	6,226	6,221	6,355	6,403	6,266	5,844
Mississippi	16,967	17,133	16,695	16,666	16,497	16,429
North Carolina	16,753	15,874	16,215	16,915	16,731	16,153
Oklahoma	5,531	4,199	3,740	4,530	3,730	4,460
Pennsylvania	3,117	2,963	2,790	2,987	2,849	3,309
South Carolina	4,375	5,069	4,480	3,957	4,301	4,556
Texas	12,917	12,631	13,316	13,247	13,223	13,373
Virginia	5,316	5,532	5,112	4,906	4,449	4,976
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	17,218	16,762	17,334	16,047	18,565	17,268
19 State total	172,733	173,939	172,600	173,240	173,411	173,805
Previous year total	171,651	169,539	169,643	172,617	171,075	171,930
Percent of previous year	101	103	102	100	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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