



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 21, 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 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 21, 2011. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through May 21, 2011 were 3.41 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	April 16, 2011	April 23, 2011	April 30, 2011	May 7, 2011	May 14, 2011	May 21, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,293	29,958	29,727	29,861	29,324	29,259
Arkansas	23,630	23,681	23,275	23,583	23,501	23,508
Delaware	3,902	3,850	3,811	3,860	3,740	3,941
Florida	1,344	1,221	1,360	1,360	1,358	1,358
Georgia	33,304	33,825	33,368	33,663	33,479	34,021
Kentucky	7,560	7,966	7,465	8,011	7,934	7,611
Louisiana	3,440	3,334	3,288	3,394	3,319	3,258
Maryland	7,749	7,733	7,738	7,725	7,680	7,692
Mississippi	19,520	19,384	19,168	19,019	19,273	19,099
North Carolina	20,584	20,214	20,441	20,284	20,301	20,156
Oklahoma	7,219	7,182	7,033	7,073	7,073	7,113
Pennsylvania	3,541	4,081	4,028	4,128	4,199	4,038
South Carolina	5,496	5,478	5,271	5,422	5,345	5,394
Texas	15,591	15,658	15,527	15,355	15,418	15,340
Virginia	6,373	6,232	6,685	6,251	6,289	6,296
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	19,426	19,721	19,622	19,235	19,160	18,931
19 State total	208,972	209,518	207,807	208,224	207,393	207,015
Previous year total	206,893	207,422	207,319	209,188	210,586	211,658
Percent of previous year	101	101	100	100	98	98

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	April 16, 2011	April 23, 2011	April 30, 2011	May 7, 2011	May 14, 2011	May 21, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,978	21,592	20,957	20,915	21,208	20,627
Arkansas	21,847	21,231	22,162	21,042	21,894	20,531
Delaware	4,634	4,614	4,633	5,492	5,190	4,103
Florida	1,243	1,252	1,317	1,239	1,182	1,216
Georgia	27,852	28,182	28,637	28,557	28,936	29,624
Kentucky	6,937	6,771	6,847	6,094	6,405	6,322
Louisiana	3,064	2,921	3,029	3,031	2,940	2,952
Maryland	6,221	6,355	6,403	6,266	5,844	7,248
Mississippi	17,133	16,696	16,666	16,490	16,523	16,196
North Carolina	15,874	16,215	16,915	16,731	16,285	16,088
Oklahoma	4,199	3,740	4,530	3,730	4,460	5,642
Pennsylvania	2,963	2,790	2,987	3,004	3,212	3,269
South Carolina	5,069	4,480	3,957	4,301	4,556	4,360
Texas	12,631	13,316	13,247	13,223	13,373	13,166
Virginia	5,532	5,112	4,906	4,449	4,976	5,283
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,762	17,334	16,047	18,565	17,578	16,666
19 State total	173,939	172,601	173,240	173,129	174,562	173,293
Previous year total	169,539	169,643	172,617	171,075	171,930	171,002
Percent of previous year	103	102	100	101	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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