



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 11, 2011. This was down 3 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 Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 11, 2011. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through June 11, 2011 were 3.93 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	May 7, 2011	May 14, 2011	May 21, 2011	May 28, 2011	June 4, 2011	June 11, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,890	29,446	29,386	30,375	30,094	30,206
Arkansas	23,583	23,501	23,186	23,398	22,929	22,752
Delaware	3,860	3,740	3,941	3,852	3,753	3,271
Florida	1,360	1,358	1,358	1,360	1,360	1,359
Georgia	33,663	33,479	33,640	33,821	33,567	33,006
Kentucky	8,194	8,055	7,744	7,987	7,929	7,961
Louisiana	3,394	3,319	3,258	3,273	3,258	3,258
Maryland	7,725	7,680	7,692	7,634	7,696	7,700
Mississippi	19,304	19,273	19,099	19,072	19,035	19,021
North Carolina	20,284	20,301	20,156	20,198	19,930	19,826
Oklahoma	7,073	7,073	6,947	7,228	6,922	6,918
Pennsylvania	4,128	4,199	4,162	4,151	3,813	4,141
South Carolina	5,422	5,345	5,394	5,450	5,470	5,367
Texas	15,379	15,016	15,471	14,080	14,747	15,040
Virginia	6,251	5,956	6,296	6,276	6,193	6,163
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	18,917	19,191	18,951	18,900	18,574	18,979
19 State total	208,427	206,932	206,681	207,055	205,270	204,968
Previous year total	209,188	210,586	211,658	211,315	211,771	211,108
Percent of previous year	100	98	98	98	97	97

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	May 7, 2011	May 14, 2011	May 21, 2011	May 28, 2011	June 4, 2011	June 11, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,915	21,208	20,601	21,984	20,621	20,124
Arkansas	21,042	21,891	20,688	21,461	21,849	20,407
Delaware	5,492	5,190	4,103	4,520	5,139	4,806
Florida	1,239	1,182	1,216	1,365	1,390	1,306
Georgia	28,557	28,937	29,633	27,923	29,076	28,834
Kentucky	6,094	6,405	6,322	6,190	6,122	6,431
Louisiana	3,031	2,940	2,952	3,515	2,986	2,932
Maryland	6,266	5,844	7,248	5,749	5,382	4,911
Mississippi	16,490	16,523	16,207	16,503	16,565	16,441
North Carolina	16,731	16,285	16,069	16,383	16,784	16,560
Oklahoma	3,730	4,460	5,912	4,861	4,373	5,147
Pennsylvania	3,004	3,212	3,236	3,280	3,295	3,268
South Carolina	4,301	4,556	4,360	4,526	4,003	4,631
Texas	13,242	13,392	13,078	12,512	12,551	12,959
Virginia	4,451	4,979	5,286	5,238	4,780	5,668
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	18,565	17,626	16,679	17,544	17,197	16,744
19 State total	173,150	174,630	173,590	173,554	172,113	171,169
Previous year total	171,075	171,930	171,002	172,590	174,177	175,255
Percent of previous year	101	102	102	101	99	98

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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