



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 18, 2011. This was down 4 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 18, 2011. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through June 18, 2011 were 4.10 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	May 14, 2011	May 21, 2011	May 28, 2011	June 4, 2011	June 11, 2011	June 18, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)				
Alabama	29,446	29,386	30,375	30,094	30,206	28,617
Arkansas	23,501	23,186	23,072	22,929	22,752	22,395
Delaware	3,740	3,941	3,852	3,753	3,271	3,156
Florida	1,358	1,358	1,360	1,360	1,359	1,360
Georgia	33,479	34,021	33,821	33,567	33,169	32,798
Kentucky	8,055	7,777	8,088	7,929	7,961	7,902
Louisiana	3,319	3,258	3,273	3,258	3,258	3,273
Maryland	7,680	7,692	7,634	7,696	7,700	7,645
Mississippi	19,273	19,099	19,072	19,035	19,021	18,631
North Carolina	20,301	20,156	20,198	19,930	19,826	19,158
Oklahoma	7,073	6,947	7,046	6,922	6,918	6,540
Pennsylvania	4,199	4,162	4,151	3,813	4,169	4,155
South Carolina	5,345	5,394	5,450	5,470	5,367	5,683
Texas	15,016	15,471	13,929	14,747	15,040	14,765
Virginia	5,956	6,296	6,276	6,193	6,163	5,815
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	19,191	18,951	18,900	18,574	18,707	19,198
19 State total	206,932	207,095	206,497	205,270	204,887	201,091
Previous year total	210,586	211,658	211,315	211,771	211,108	210,421
Percent of previous year	98	98	98	97	97	96

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	May 14, 2011	May 21, 2011	May 28, 2011	June 4, 2011	June 11, 2011	June 18, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)				
Alabama	21,208	20,601	21,984	20,621	20,168	20,738
Arkansas	21,891	20,688	21,461	21,849	20,407	21,451
Delaware	5,190	4,103	4,520	5,139	4,806	5,350
Florida	1,182	1,216	1,365	1,390	1,306	1,376
Georgia	28,937	29,633	27,923	29,076	29,183	28,939
Kentucky	6,405	6,322	6,190	6,122	6,431	7,182
Louisiana	2,940	2,952	3,515	2,986	2,927	3,081
Maryland	5,844	7,248	5,749	5,382	4,911	4,502
Mississippi	16,523	16,207	16,503	16,565	16,441	16,092
North Carolina	16,285	16,069	16,383	16,784	16,489	16,581
Oklahoma	4,460	5,912	4,861	4,373	5,147	3,644
Pennsylvania	3,212	3,236	3,280	3,295	3,263	3,393
South Carolina	4,556	4,360	4,526	4,003	4,631	4,000
Texas	13,392	13,078	12,512	12,551	12,959	11,634
Virginia	4,979	5,286	5,238	4,780	5,668	5,206
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	17,626	16,679	17,544	17,197	16,733	16,705
19 State total	174,630	173,590	173,554	172,113	171,470	169,874
Previous year total	171,930	171,002	172,590	174,177	175,255	175,668
Percent of previous year	102	102	101	99	98	97

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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