



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 25, 2011. This was down 6 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 25, 2011. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through June 25, 2011 were 4.27 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	May 21, 2011	May 28, 2011	June 4, 2011	June 11, 2011	June 18, 2011	June 25, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,386	30,375	30,130	30,206	28,617	27,984
Arkansas	23,186	23,072	22,929	22,752	21,990	22,263
Delaware	3,941	3,852	3,753	3,271	3,156	2,940
Florida	1,358	1,360	1,360	1,359	1,360	1,360
Georgia	34,021	33,821	33,567	33,169	32,798	32,684
Kentucky	7,777	8,116	8,077	7,961	7,902	7,748
Louisiana	3,258	3,273	3,258	3,258	3,273	3,288
Maryland	7,692	7,634	7,696	7,700	7,645	7,645
Mississippi	19,099	19,072	19,035	19,021	18,346	18,494
North Carolina	20,156	20,198	20,006	19,902	19,354	19,433
Oklahoma	6,947	7,046	6,907	6,918	6,540	6,456
Pennsylvania	4,162	4,151	3,813	4,169	3,848	3,920
South Carolina	5,394	5,450	5,470	5,367	5,683	5,409
Texas	15,471	13,929	14,747	15,040	14,765	14,897
Virginia	6,296	6,276	6,193	6,163	5,815	6,077
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	18,958	18,881	18,555	18,706	19,197	18,805
19 State total	207,102	206,506	205,496	204,962	200,289	199,403
Previous year total	211,658	211,315	211,771	211,108	210,421	211,324
Percent of previous year	98	98	97	97	95	94

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	May 21, 2011	May 28, 2011	June 4, 2011	June 11, 2011	June 18, 2011	June 25, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,601	21,984	20,621	20,168	20,738	20,849
Arkansas	20,688	21,461	21,849	20,407	21,475	21,340
Delaware	4,103	4,520	5,139	4,806	5,423	4,270
Florida	1,216	1,365	1,390	1,306	1,376	1,352
Georgia	29,633	27,923	29,076	28,780	28,732	28,027
Kentucky	6,322	6,190	6,122	6,431	7,182	6,610
Louisiana	2,952	3,515	2,986	2,927	3,081	2,940
Maryland	7,248	5,749	5,382	4,911	4,403	5,815
Mississippi	16,207	16,503	16,565	16,441	16,151	16,188
North Carolina	16,069	16,383	16,784	16,489	16,551	16,510
Oklahoma	5,912	4,861	4,373	5,147	3,644	4,498
Pennsylvania	3,236	3,280	3,295	3,263	3,276	3,146
South Carolina	4,360	4,526	4,003	4,631	4,023	4,618
Texas	13,078	12,512	12,551	12,959	11,634	12,480
Virginia	5,286	5,238	4,780	5,668	5,206	4,883
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,666	17,555	17,207	16,740	16,685	15,852
19 State total	173,577	173,565	172,123	171,074	169,580	169,378
Previous year total	171,002	172,590	174,177	175,255	175,668	176,115
Percent of previous year	102	101	99	98	97	96

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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