



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 196 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 9, 2011. This was down 5 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 Down 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 9, 2011. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through July 9, 2011 were 4.61 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	June 4, 2011	June 11, 2011	June 18, 2011	June 25, 2011	July 2, 2011	July 9, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,130	30,211	28,621	27,984	27,963	27,336
Arkansas	22,929	22,752	21,735	22,263	21,198	21,087
Delaware	3,753	3,271	3,156	2,940	2,770	2,857
Florida	1,360	1,359	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,327
Georgia	33,567	33,547	32,798	32,684	32,833	32,597
Kentucky	8,077	8,089	7,962	7,805	7,390	7,920
Louisiana	3,258	3,258	3,273	3,288	3,273	3,273
Maryland	7,696	7,700	7,645	7,645	7,600	7,624
Mississippi	19,035	19,021	18,377	18,494	18,101	18,200
North Carolina	20,006	19,902	19,355	19,433	19,463	19,544
Oklahoma	6,907	6,918	6,540	6,456	6,700	6,519
Pennsylvania	3,885	4,169	3,848	4,050	3,734	3,258
South Carolina	5,470	5,367	5,683	5,409	5,250	5,424
Texas	14,754	14,774	14,782	14,915	14,951	14,867
Virginia	6,193	6,163	6,063	6,077	6,079	6,057
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	18,745	18,684	19,191	18,799	19,690	17,960
19 State total	205,765	205,185	200,389	199,602	198,355	195,850
Previous year total	211,771	211,108	210,421	211,324	207,492	206,138
Percent of previous year	97	97	95	94	96	95

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	June 4, 2011	June 11, 2011	June 18, 2011	June 25, 2011	July 2, 2011	July 9, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,621	20,168	20,738	20,723	20,899	19,514
Arkansas	21,849	20,407	21,475	21,340	20,799	19,876
Delaware	5,139	4,806	5,423	4,270	4,738	5,022
Florida	1,390	1,306	1,376	1,352	1,289	1,222
Georgia	29,076	28,436	28,732	28,027	27,664	28,672
Kentucky	6,122	6,431	7,218	6,648	6,444	6,499
Louisiana	2,986	2,927	3,081	2,940	2,902	2,960
Maryland	5,382	4,911	4,403	5,815	5,169	5,425
Mississippi	16,565	16,441	16,151	16,294	16,242	15,735
North Carolina	16,784	16,489	16,551	16,510	16,286	15,232
Oklahoma	4,373	5,147	3,644	4,498	4,254	3,296
Pennsylvania	3,295	3,263	3,276	3,098	3,291	3,128
South Carolina	4,003	4,631	4,023	4,618	5,105	4,364
Texas	12,556	12,964	11,639	12,486	12,620	12,552
Virginia	4,780	5,668	5,206	4,883	4,981	4,862
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	17,164	16,698	16,638	15,826	16,761	18,136
19 State total	172,085	170,693	169,574	169,328	169,444	166,495
Previous year total	174,177	175,255	175,668	176,115	175,093	173,501
Percent of previous year	99	97	97	96	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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