



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 196 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 23, 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 85 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 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 23, 2011. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through July 23, 2011 were 4.93 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	June 18, 2011	June 25, 2011	July 2, 2011	July 9, 2011	July 16, 2011	July 23, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,621	27,776	27,532	27,335	27,325	27,482
Arkansas	21,735	22,066	20,935	21,087	20,573	20,072
Delaware	3,156	2,940	2,770	2,656	2,920	2,920
Florida	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,327	1,353	1,352
Georgia	32,798	32,225	32,833	32,505	32,004	32,247
Kentucky	7,912	7,821	7,386	7,920	7,963	7,806
Louisiana	3,273	3,288	3,273	3,273	3,258	3,258
Maryland	7,645	7,645	7,600	7,624	7,620	7,644
Mississippi	18,377	18,494	18,101	18,200	18,293	18,417
North Carolina	19,355	19,433	19,463	19,544	19,974	19,676
Oklahoma	6,540	6,821	6,700	6,519	6,856	6,628
Pennsylvania	3,848	4,050	3,854	3,651	4,080	3,963
South Carolina	5,683	5,409	5,250	5,424	5,028	5,476
Texas	14,782	14,915	14,951	14,750	14,449	14,579
Virginia	6,063	6,077	6,079	6,057	5,861	5,808
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	19,221	18,828	19,722	17,859	19,324	18,666
19 State total	200,369	199,148	197,809	195,731	196,881	195,994
Previous year total	210,421	211,324	207,492	206,138	209,753	208,724
Percent of previous year	95	94	95	95	94	94

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	June 18, 2011	June 25, 2011	July 2, 2011	July 9, 2011	July 16, 2011	July 23, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,738	20,723	20,899	19,453	20,239	19,870
Arkansas	21,475	21,340	20,799	19,876	19,093	19,141
Delaware	5,423	4,270	4,738	5,022	4,737	4,770
Florida	1,376	1,352	1,289	1,222	1,223	1,209
Georgia	28,732	28,027	27,664	28,695	27,443	28,339
Kentucky	7,218	6,648	6,444	6,579	6,099	5,970
Louisiana	3,081	2,940	2,902	2,960	2,968	2,969
Maryland	4,403	5,815	5,169	5,425	5,603	5,721
Mississippi	16,151	16,294	16,242	15,765	15,904	15,821
North Carolina	16,551	16,510	16,286	15,088	15,813	15,652
Oklahoma	3,644	4,498	4,254	3,296	4,635	4,057
Pennsylvania	3,276	3,098	3,294	3,126	3,212	3,150
South Carolina	4,023	4,618	5,105	4,364	3,792	3,758
Texas	11,639	12,486	12,620	12,658	12,802	12,505
Virginia	5,206	4,883	4,981	4,862	4,584	4,375
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,638	15,803	16,934	18,154	17,008	16,595
19 State total	169,574	169,305	169,620	166,545	165,155	163,902
Previous year total	175,668	176,115	175,093	173,501	174,319	169,782
Percent of previous year	97	96	97	96	95	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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