



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 13, 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 13, 2011. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through August 13, 2011 were 5.42 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	July 9, 2011	July 16, 2011	July 23, 2011	July 30, 2011	August 6, 2011	August 13, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,369	27,240	27,358	27,297	27,305	27,218
Arkansas	21,087	20,573	20,058	20,970	20,810	20,920
Delaware	2,656	2,920	2,920	3,022	3,167	3,161
Florida	1,327	1,353	1,352	1,382	1,370	1,358
Georgia	32,505	32,177	32,256	31,089	31,518	31,666
Kentucky	7,694	7,905	7,733	7,578	7,727	7,789
Louisiana	3,273	3,258	3,258	3,258	3,288	3,273
Maryland	7,624	7,620	7,644	7,510	7,511	7,460
Mississippi	18,200	18,293	18,417	18,418	18,563	18,440
North Carolina	19,543	20,095	19,737	19,845	19,570	19,303
Oklahoma	6,519	6,856	6,628	6,610	6,489	6,651
Pennsylvania	3,651	4,080	4,031	3,768	3,933	3,725
South Carolina	5,424	5,028	5,476	5,405	5,140	5,404
Texas	14,756	14,420	14,550	14,809	14,695	13,738
Virginia	6,057	5,861	5,808	5,787	5,764	5,543
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	17,799	19,290	18,345	18,104	19,044	18,994
19 State total	195,484	196,969	195,571	194,852	195,894	194,643
Previous year total	206,138	209,753	208,724	208,549	207,588	206,602
Percent of previous year	95	94	94	93	94	94

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	July 9, 2011	July 16, 2011	July 23, 2011	July 30, 2011	August 6, 2011	August 13, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	19,453	20,239	19,810	19,449	19,200	19,637
Arkansas	19,876	19,093	18,983	20,542	18,433	19,788
Delaware	5,022	4,737	4,770	4,403	4,023	4,853
Florida	1,222	1,223	1,209	1,184	1,225	1,152
Georgia	28,489	27,466	28,065	27,696	27,749	27,114
Kentucky	6,579	6,099	5,881	6,479	6,138	6,077
Louisiana	2,960	2,968	2,969	2,983	2,960	2,959
Maryland	5,425	5,603	5,721	4,661	6,940	5,253
Mississippi	15,765	15,904	15,901	15,845	15,919	16,020
North Carolina	15,088	15,911	15,747	16,115	16,089	16,206
Oklahoma	3,296	4,635	4,057	3,457	4,859	3,820
Pennsylvania	3,126	3,212	3,122	3,030	3,308	3,288
South Carolina	4,364	3,792	3,758	4,051	4,219	4,051
Texas	12,663	12,807	12,510	12,685	12,321	12,372
Virginia	4,862	4,584	4,375	5,518	4,221	5,130
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	18,138	16,969	16,476	15,379	16,798	15,278
19 State total	166,328	165,242	163,354	163,477	164,402	162,998
Previous year total	173,501	174,319	169,782	170,569	173,173	171,985
Percent of previous year	96	95	96	96	95	95

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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