



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 7 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 190 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 3, 2011. This was down 7 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 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 3, 2011. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through September 3, 2011 were 5.91 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	July 30, 2011	August 6, 2011	August 13, 2011	August 20, 2011	August 27, 2011	September 3, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,347	27,308	27,178	26,581	26,936	26,505
Arkansas	20,818	20,795	20,881	20,651	20,994	19,852
Delaware	3,022	3,167	3,161	3,015	2,886	2,906
Florida	1,382	1,370	1,347	1,352	1,364	1,350
Georgia	31,388	31,538	31,682	31,793	31,649	31,759
Kentucky	7,544	7,773	7,848	7,864	7,878	7,450
Louisiana	3,258	3,288	3,273	3,243	3,167	3,258
Maryland	7,510	7,511	7,460	7,451	7,645	7,399
Mississippi	18,418	18,563	18,440	18,312	17,602	16,780
North Carolina	19,845	19,570	19,359	19,518	19,364	18,992
Oklahoma	6,610	6,489	6,651	6,713	6,702	6,701
Pennsylvania	3,768	3,933	3,764	3,510	3,799	3,697
South Carolina	5,405	5,140	5,404	5,353	5,413	4,891
Texas	14,716	14,571	13,738	13,462	13,466	14,203
Virginia	5,787	5,764	5,543	5,826	5,291	5,691
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	18,104	19,044	19,090	18,598	18,292	18,307
19 State total	194,922	195,824	194,819	193,242	192,448	189,741
Previous year total	208,549	207,588	206,602	207,381	206,575	203,941
Percent of previous year	93	94	94	93	93	93

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	July 30, 2011	August 6, 2011	August 13, 2011	August 20, 2011	August 27, 2011	September 3, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	19,449	19,200	19,637	19,619	18,571	19,133
Arkansas	20,542	18,433	19,788	19,180	18,514	19,024
Delaware	4,403	4,023	4,853	4,741	4,890	4,444
Florida	1,184	1,225	1,145	1,150	1,147	1,137
Georgia	27,696	27,749	27,114	26,255	27,358	26,273
Kentucky	6,479	6,138	6,077	6,081	6,816	6,287
Louisiana	2,983	2,960	2,959	2,967	2,993	2,952
Maryland	4,661	6,940	5,253	4,876	5,294	5,645
Mississippi	15,845	15,919	16,013	16,160	16,145	15,994
North Carolina	16,115	16,069	16,206	15,596	15,708	15,411
Oklahoma	3,457	4,859	3,820	4,160	4,711	3,905
Pennsylvania	3,030	3,308	3,264	3,078	3,187	3,068
South Carolina	4,051	4,219	4,051	4,008	4,595	5,146
Texas	12,685	12,421	12,372	12,571	12,522	11,791
Virginia	5,518	4,221	5,130	5,564	4,911	4,353
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,379	16,798	15,278	15,661	16,174	17,468
19 State total	163,477	164,482	162,960	161,667	163,536	162,031
Previous year total	170,569	173,173	171,985	171,749	170,866	170,109
Percent of previous year	96	95	95	94	96	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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