



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 9 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 187 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 10, 2011. This was down 9 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 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 10, 2011. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through September 10, 2011 were 6.07 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	August 6, 2011	August 13, 2011	August 20, 2011	August 27, 2011	September 3, 2011	September 10, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,308	27,178	26,616	26,970	26,415	26,424
Arkansas	20,795	20,881	20,808	20,994	19,852	18,938
Delaware	3,167	3,161	3,015	2,886	2,906	2,908
Florida	1,370	1,347	1,352	1,364	1,350	1,352
Georgia	31,538	31,682	31,810	31,649	31,519	30,771
Kentucky	7,763	7,823	7,816	7,878	6,895	7,709
Louisiana	3,288	3,273	3,243	3,167	3,258	3,258
Maryland	7,511	7,460	7,451	7,645	7,399	6,863
Mississippi	18,563	18,440	18,312	17,602	16,780	17,583
North Carolina	19,570	19,359	19,496	19,368	18,959	17,621
Oklahoma	6,489	6,651	6,713	6,702	6,701	6,228
Pennsylvania	3,933	3,764	3,510	3,799	3,728	3,780
South Carolina	5,140	5,404	5,353	5,413	4,891	4,892
Texas	14,598	13,765	13,458	13,463	14,205	14,349
Virginia	5,764	5,543	5,826	5,291	5,691	5,859
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	19,069	19,119	18,621	18,308	18,368	18,759
19 State total	195,866	194,850	193,400	192,499	188,917	187,294
Previous year total	207,588	206,602	207,381	206,575	203,941	204,833
Percent of previous year	94	94	93	93	93	91

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	August 6, 2011	August 13, 2011	August 20, 2011	August 27, 2011	September 3, 2011	September 10, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	19,534	19,943	19,923	18,717	19,276	19,395
Arkansas	18,433	19,788	19,180	18,514	19,024	18,326
Delaware	4,023	4,853	4,741	4,890	4,444	4,328
Florida	1,225	1,145	1,150	1,147	1,137	1,251
Georgia	27,749	27,112	26,179	27,358	26,259	25,797
Kentucky	6,138	6,077	6,081	6,816	6,287	6,198
Louisiana	2,960	2,959	2,967	2,993	2,952	2,928
Maryland	6,940	5,253	4,876	5,294	5,645	6,319
Mississippi	15,919	16,013	16,160	16,145	15,984	16,008
North Carolina	16,069	16,158	15,629	15,700	15,497	15,011
Oklahoma	4,859	3,820	4,160	4,711	3,905	5,517
Pennsylvania	3,308	3,264	3,078	3,187	3,087	2,869
South Carolina	4,219	4,051	4,008	4,595	5,146	4,629
Texas	12,443	12,394	12,593	12,544	11,648	11,489
Virginia	4,221	5,130	5,564	4,911	4,353	4,543
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,845	15,279	15,678	16,173	17,427	16,048
19 State total	164,885	163,239	161,967	163,695	162,071	160,656
Previous year total	173,173	171,985	171,749	170,866	170,109	170,626
Percent of previous year	95	95	94	96	95	94

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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