



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 7 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 183 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 1, 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 9 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 155 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 1, 2011. Placements were down 9 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through October 1, 2011 were 6.55 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	August 27, 2011	September 3, 2011	September 10, 2011	September 17, 2011	September 24, 2011	October 1, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	26,955	26,364	26,394	25,701	27,117	25,491
Arkansas .....	20,994	19,852	18,223	19,104	18,961	18,949
Delaware .....	2,886	2,906	2,908	2,852	2,895	3,045
Florida .....	1,364	1,350	1,352	1,074	1,351	1,354
Georgia .....	31,646	31,519	31,151	29,570	31,268	30,766
Kentucky .....	7,898	7,484	7,393	7,129	7,729	6,893
Louisiana .....	3,167	2,947	3,258	3,183	3,242	3,258
Maryland .....	7,645	7,399	6,863	6,852	6,820	7,517
Mississippi .....	17,602	16,780	17,569	17,813	16,824	16,481
North Carolina .....	19,368	18,960	17,302	18,245	18,670	18,270
Oklahoma .....	6,702	6,701	6,228	6,465	6,751	5,962
Pennsylvania .....	3,799	3,877	3,718	3,438	3,558	3,337
South Carolina .....	5,413	4,891	4,892	5,522	5,263	4,956
Texas .....	13,480	14,223	14,367	12,835	14,048	13,113
Virginia .....	5,723	5,933	5,859	5,363	5,663	5,461
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	18,819	18,549	18,718	16,110	17,708	18,280
19 State total .....	193,461	189,735	186,195	181,256	187,868	183,133
Previous year total .....	206,575	203,941	204,833	196,963	205,808	197,354
Percent of previous year .....	94	93	91	92	91	93

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	August 27, 2011	September 3, 2011	September 10, 2011	September 17, 2011	September 24, 2011	October 1, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	18,717	19,276	19,616	20,087	18,304	19,259
Arkansas .....	18,514	19,024	19,575	19,412	18,793	17,501
Delaware .....	4,890	4,444	4,328	5,154	5,074	3,913
Florida .....	1,147	1,137	1,251	1,140	1,156	1,156
Georgia .....	27,358	26,269	25,851	26,026	27,801	26,676
Kentucky .....	6,816	6,287	6,198	6,747	5,910	6,162
Louisiana .....	2,993	2,952	2,928	2,851	2,676	2,909
Maryland .....	5,294	5,645	6,319	5,397	4,784	6,199
Mississippi .....	16,145	15,984	15,962	15,314	14,533	15,257
North Carolina .....	15,700	15,378	14,969	15,445	15,218	13,845
Oklahoma .....	4,711	3,905	4,317	4,842	3,712	3,527
Pennsylvania .....	3,187	3,087	2,897	3,045	3,208	3,079
South Carolina .....	4,595	5,146	4,629	4,932	3,699	3,702
Texas .....	12,544	11,648	11,503	11,481	11,745	11,356
Virginia .....	4,911	4,353	4,543	4,439	5,067	4,229
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	16,173	17,427	16,043	15,667	17,088	15,800
19 State total .....	163,695	161,962	160,929	161,979	158,768	154,570
Previous year total .....	170,866	170,109	170,626	169,940	167,630	169,617
Percent of previous year .....	96	95	94	95	95	91

## 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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