



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Special Note

Beginning with this publication, Missouri will be published separately.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 187 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 5, 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 8 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 5, 2011. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through November 5, 2011 were 7.30 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	October 1, 2011	October 8, 2011	October 15, 2011	October 22, 2011	October 29, 2011	November 5, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	25,440	26,879	26,220	25,626	25,159	24,222
Arkansas .....	18,949	19,417	17,686	18,395	19,291	19,543
Delaware .....	3,045	3,041	3,176	3,019	2,750	2,895
Florida .....	1,354	1,349	1,249	1,347	1,350	1,351
Georgia .....	29,914	30,846	29,658	29,888	29,497	30,253
Kentucky .....	7,117	7,298	7,020	7,309	7,649	7,589
Louisiana .....	3,118	3,041	3,118	3,209	3,192	3,224
Maryland .....	7,517	6,839	7,040	6,913	7,697	7,636
Mississippi .....	15,990	16,535	16,813	16,949	15,970	17,749
Missouri .....	6,945	7,747	7,517	7,153	6,669	7,175
North Carolina .....	18,840	18,275	18,292	19,349	19,433	19,016
Oklahoma .....	6,280	6,813	6,112	6,323	6,802	6,439
Pennsylvania .....	3,353	3,734	3,926	3,928	3,436	3,622
South Carolina .....	4,956	4,866	5,487	5,193	5,119	5,106
Texas .....	13,287	13,442	13,091	13,367	14,490	13,482
Virginia .....	5,461	5,773	5,850	5,650	5,884	6,025
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,668	10,703	10,196	9,950	11,105	11,493
19 State total .....	182,234	186,598	182,451	183,568	185,493	186,820
Previous year total .....	197,354	200,470	196,697	200,202	200,781	199,721
Percent of previous year .....	92	93	93	92	92	94

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

State	Week ending					
	October 1, 2011	October 8, 2011	October 15, 2011	October 22, 2011	October 29, 2011	November 5, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	19,468	18,155	19,780	18,277	19,686	19,345
Arkansas .....	17,501	18,649	19,044	17,562	17,680	16,039
Delaware .....	3,453	3,394	3,406	4,491	4,271	3,539
Florida .....	1,156	931	1,159	1,154	1,150	1,182
Georgia .....	26,814	24,953	27,225	25,656	25,747	24,434
Kentucky .....	6,192	4,970	5,585	5,997	6,253	5,291
Louisiana .....	2,909	2,830	2,910	2,807	2,748	2,793
Maryland .....	5,606	4,939	4,890	4,468	4,335	5,001
Mississippi .....	15,196	15,253	14,465	13,660	14,305	14,437
Missouri .....	5,725	4,667	5,357	5,406	5,664	5,000
North Carolina .....	13,845	14,605	14,304	14,728	13,918	14,019
Oklahoma .....	3,527	4,089	3,193	3,888	4,574	4,645
Pennsylvania .....	3,077	2,839	2,921	2,768	3,097	3,248
South Carolina .....	3,702	3,460	3,789	4,439	4,506	4,123
Texas .....	11,380	10,334	11,828	11,145	11,258	10,850
Virginia .....	4,229	4,436	4,700	4,279	4,385	5,002
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,047	9,935	9,887	10,027	9,625	9,723
19 State total .....	153,827	148,439	154,443	150,752	153,202	148,671
Previous year total .....	169,617	162,438	169,422	161,719	165,722	161,368
Percent of previous year .....	91	91	91	93	92	92

## 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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