



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 193 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 12, 2011. This was down 5 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 152 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 12, 2011. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through November 12, 2011 were 7.46 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	October 8, 2011	October 15, 2011	October 22, 2011	October 29, 2011	November 5, 2011	November 12, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	26,879	26,220	26,256	25,159	24,378	27,163
Arkansas	19,417	17,686	18,395	19,291	19,543	20,366
Delaware	3,041	3,176	3,019	2,750	2,895	2,826
Florida	1,349	1,249	1,347	1,350	1,351	1,352
Georgia	30,846	29,658	30,350	29,497	30,253	30,474
Kentucky	7,298	7,020	6,925	7,649	7,589	7,477
Louisiana	3,041	3,118	3,349	3,192	3,224	3,349
Maryland	6,839	7,040	6,913	7,697	7,636	7,549
Mississippi	16,535	16,813	16,949	15,970	17,458	17,242
Missouri	7,747	7,517	7,153	6,669	7,175	7,882
North Carolina	18,275	18,292	19,191	19,433	19,016	19,721
Oklahoma	6,813	6,112	6,323	6,802	6,439	6,672
Pennsylvania	3,734	3,926	3,928	3,436	3,423	3,717
South Carolina	4,866	5,487	5,193	5,119	5,106	5,329
Texas	13,442	13,091	13,367	14,490	13,482	14,154
Virginia	5,773	5,850	5,650	5,884	6,025	5,975
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,777	10,206	9,983	11,139	11,493	12,009
19 State total	186,672	182,461	184,291	185,527	186,486	193,257
Previous year total	200,470	196,697	200,202	200,781	199,721	204,203
Percent of previous year	93	93	92	92	93	95

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	October 8, 2011	October 15, 2011	October 22, 2011	October 29, 2011	November 5, 2011	November 12, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	18,155	19,780	18,277	19,686	19,403	18,598
Arkansas	18,649	19,044	17,562	17,680	16,039	17,666
Delaware	3,394	3,406	4,491	4,271	3,539	4,321
Florida	931	1,159	1,154	1,150	1,182	1,139
Georgia	24,953	27,225	25,656	25,747	24,434	25,931
Kentucky	4,970	5,585	5,997	6,253	5,291	5,464
Louisiana	2,830	2,910	2,807	2,748	2,793	3,013
Maryland	4,939	4,890	4,468	4,335	5,001	4,334
Mississippi	15,253	14,465	13,660	14,305	14,446	14,570
Missouri	4,667	5,357	5,406	5,664	5,000	4,470
North Carolina	14,605	14,304	14,728	13,918	14,019	14,875
Oklahoma	4,089	3,193	3,888	4,574	4,645	4,242
Pennsylvania	2,839	2,921	2,768	3,097	3,143	3,257
South Carolina	3,460	3,789	4,439	4,506	4,123	3,974
Texas	10,334	11,828	11,145	11,258	10,850	11,119
Virginia	4,436	4,700	4,279	4,385	5,002	4,635
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,925	9,938	10,066	9,659	9,723	9,898
19 State total	148,429	154,494	150,791	153,236	148,633	151,506
Previous year total	162,438	169,422	161,719	165,722	161,368	164,476
Percent of previous year	91	91	93	92	92	92

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all chicken hatcheries within the 19 States that hatch at least one million chicks a year. 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 hatcheries within the 19 States that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. 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. 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.

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