



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 194 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 26, 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 156 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 26, 2011. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through November 26, 2011 were 7.76 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	October 22, 2011	October 29, 2011	November 5, 2011	November 12, 2011	November 19, 2011	November 26, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	26,256	25,178	24,416	26,942	26,671	27,495
Arkansas	18,395	19,291	19,738	20,366	20,529	19,977
Delaware	3,019	2,750	2,895	2,903	2,903	3,102
Florida	1,347	1,350	1,351	1,352	1,349	1,351
Georgia	30,356	28,805	30,427	30,501	31,461	31,647
Kentucky	6,583	7,825	7,766	7,575	7,392	7,064
Louisiana	3,349	3,394	3,379	3,349	3,409	3,379
Maryland	6,913	7,697	7,636	7,549	6,875	7,632
Mississippi	16,949	16,272	17,737	17,213	18,186	17,687
Missouri	7,153	6,669	7,175	7,882	7,871	8,036
North Carolina	19,239	19,573	19,156	19,785	20,218	19,753
Oklahoma	6,323	6,802	6,439	6,672	6,620	6,576
Pennsylvania	3,928	3,436	3,423	3,684	3,764	3,708
South Carolina	5,193	5,119	5,106	5,329	5,535	5,352
Texas	13,367	14,490	13,638	14,400	13,299	14,508
Virginia	5,650	5,884	6,025	5,975	5,947	5,962
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,999	11,183	11,463	11,999	11,172	11,132
19 State total	184,019	185,718	187,770	193,476	193,201	194,361
Previous year total	200,202	200,781	199,721	204,203	205,716	207,175
Percent of previous year	92	92	94	95	94	94

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	October 22, 2011	October 29, 2011	November 5, 2011	November 12, 2011	November 19, 2011	November 26, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	18,277	19,686	19,403	18,624	17,798	17,661
Arkansas	17,562	17,680	16,039	17,666	18,819	19,447
Delaware	4,491	4,271	3,539	3,953	4,413	4,038
Florida	1,154	1,150	1,182	1,139	1,162	1,147
Georgia	25,656	25,311	24,573	25,935	24,502	25,461
Kentucky	5,997	6,253	5,291	5,177	6,452	6,217
Louisiana	2,807	2,748	2,793	3,013	3,038	2,995
Maryland	4,468	4,335	5,001	4,687	4,257	4,200
Mississippi	13,660	14,305	14,446	14,544	13,958	15,416
Missouri	5,406	5,664	5,005	4,475	4,956	4,983
North Carolina	14,728	13,918	14,019	14,980	15,642	16,099
Oklahoma	3,888	4,574	4,645	4,242	3,450	3,686
Pennsylvania	2,768	3,097	3,143	3,090	2,789	2,853
South Carolina	4,439	4,506	4,123	3,974	4,524	5,026
Texas	11,145	11,258	10,844	11,142	12,214	11,683
Virginia	4,279	4,385	5,002	4,635	4,643	4,778
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,073	9,687	9,698	9,946	10,166	10,563
19 State total	150,798	152,828	148,746	151,222	152,783	156,253
Previous year total	161,719	165,722	161,368	164,476	165,149	164,970
Percent of previous year	93	92	92	92	93	95

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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