



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 4 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 3, 2011. This was down 4 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 160 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 3, 2011. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through December 3, 2011 were 7.92 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	October 29, 2011	November 5, 2011	November 12, 2011	November 19, 2011	November 26, 2011	December 3, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	25,178	24,116	27,255	26,671	27,525	27,953
Arkansas .....	19,291	19,738	20,366	20,529	19,977	20,074
Delaware .....	2,750	2,895	2,903	2,903	3,095	3,127
Florida .....	1,350	1,351	1,352	1,349	1,351	1,346
Georgia .....	28,924	30,427	30,501	31,461	31,647	31,993
Kentucky .....	7,879	7,766	7,476	7,392	7,064	7,455
Louisiana .....	3,394	3,379	3,349	3,409	3,379	3,364
Maryland .....	7,697	7,636	7,549	6,875	7,632	7,275
Mississippi .....	16,272	17,737	17,493	18,186	17,687	18,229
Missouri .....	6,669	7,175	7,882	7,871	8,036	8,052
North Carolina .....	19,573	19,156	19,942	20,218	19,753	20,017
Oklahoma .....	6,802	6,439	6,672	6,620	6,576	6,401
Pennsylvania .....	3,436	3,423	3,684	3,764	3,794	3,740
South Carolina .....	5,119	5,106	5,329	5,535	5,352	5,048
Texas .....	14,490	13,638	14,400	13,299	14,508	14,211
Virginia .....	5,884	6,025	5,975	5,947	5,962	5,826
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,183	11,463	11,999	11,172	11,132	10,926
19 State total .....	185,891	187,470	194,127	193,201	194,470	195,037
Previous year total .....	200,781	199,721	204,203	205,716	207,175	203,973
Percent of previous year .....	93	94	95	94	94	96

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

State	Week ending					
	October 29, 2011	November 5, 2011	November 12, 2011	November 19, 2011	November 26, 2011	December 3, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	19,686	19,403	18,624	17,798	17,468	19,231
Arkansas .....	17,680	16,039	17,666	18,819	19,447	20,575
Delaware .....	4,271	3,539	3,953	4,413	4,262	4,103
Florida .....	1,150	1,182	1,139	1,162	1,147	1,299
Georgia .....	25,311	24,573	26,102	24,488	25,461	25,392
Kentucky .....	6,253	5,291	5,177	6,452	6,217	6,157
Louisiana .....	2,748	2,793	3,013	3,038	2,995	2,920
Maryland .....	4,335	5,001	4,687	4,257	5,043	5,488
Mississippi .....	14,305	14,446	14,544	13,958	15,416	14,971
Missouri .....	5,664	5,005	4,475	4,956	4,983	5,183
North Carolina .....	13,918	14,019	14,980	15,642	16,099	15,933
Oklahoma .....	4,574	4,645	4,242	3,450	3,686	3,286
Pennsylvania .....	3,097	3,143	3,090	2,789	2,858	3,127
South Carolina .....	4,506	4,123	3,974	4,527	5,026	4,620
Texas .....	11,258	10,844	11,142	12,214	11,683	12,119
Virginia .....	4,385	5,002	4,635	4,643	4,778	4,281
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,687	9,698	9,946	10,166	10,563	11,101
19 State total .....	152,828	148,746	151,389	152,772	157,132	159,786
Previous year total .....	165,722	161,368	164,476	165,149	164,970	168,395
Percent of previous year .....	92	92	92	93	95	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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