



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 13, 2010. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Up 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 13, 2010. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through November 13, 2010 were 7.62 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	October 9, 2010	October 16, 2010	October 23, 2010	October 30, 2010	November 6, 2010	November 13, 2010
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,030	28,686	29,357	27,729	27,560	29,869
Arkansas	22,961	23,368	22,925	22,449	22,981	23,539
Delaware	3,862	3,936	4,046	3,782	4,019	3,900
Florida	1,358	1,095	1,220	1,356	1,358	1,235
Georgia	31,939	30,476	31,020	31,618	31,721	32,806
Kentucky	7,421	7,224	7,881	7,923	7,362	7,347
Louisiana	3,440	3,424	3,412	3,254	3,319	3,486
Maryland	7,514	7,148	6,910	7,740	7,623	7,399
Mississippi	17,970	18,696	18,152	17,584	18,644	18,232
North Carolina	18,196	18,603	19,569	19,969	19,836	20,101
Oklahoma	6,533	6,306	6,795	6,833	6,273	6,540
Pennsylvania	3,622	3,718	3,513	3,621	3,751	3,781
South Carolina	5,189	5,323	5,551	5,723	5,440	5,535
Texas	15,807	14,355	14,803	15,099	15,443	15,455
Virginia	6,073	6,229	6,366	6,188	6,031	5,305
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	19,248	17,969	18,367	18,718	17,702	18,933
19 State total	200,163	196,556	199,887	199,586	199,063	203,463
Previous year total	190,600	186,101	188,815	182,901	190,700	201,573
Percent of previous year	105	106	106	109	104	101

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	October 9, 2010	October 16, 2010	October 23, 2010	October 30, 2010	November 6, 2010	November 13, 2010
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	19,989	20,902	20,340	20,051	19,741	20,394
Arkansas	21,183	20,822	19,771	21,574	20,060	20,001
Delaware	4,668	4,837	4,289	4,635	4,979	5,145
Florida	1,105	1,149	1,101	1,217	1,064	1,222
Georgia	24,744	28,139	24,565	26,876	25,273	25,363
Kentucky	5,855	7,081	5,165	6,707	5,088	6,085
Louisiana	3,039	3,053	2,748	2,874	2,947	2,986
Maryland	5,542	6,642	6,718	6,466	4,825	5,673
Mississippi	16,017	15,492	14,580	15,385	16,069	15,738
North Carolina	14,585	14,715	15,001	14,087	14,837	15,375
Oklahoma	4,016	4,488	4,712	4,075	4,745	5,296
Pennsylvania	2,908	2,958	2,938	2,893	2,951	2,874
South Carolina	4,705	4,803	5,376	4,258	4,308	5,089
Texas	11,971	12,945	13,235	13,585	12,304	12,726
Virginia	5,436	4,698	4,591	4,662	5,288	4,735
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,555	16,440	16,358	16,265	16,742	15,525
19 State total	162,318	169,164	161,488	165,610	161,221	164,227
Previous year total	155,860	160,297	150,963	158,070	153,967	156,298
Percent of previous year	104	106	107	105	105	105

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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