



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 2 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 27, 2010. This was up 2 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 4 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 27, 2010. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through November 27, 2010 were 7.95 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	October 23, 2010	October 30, 2010	November 6, 2010	November 13, 2010	November 20, 2010	November 27, 2010
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,357	27,785	27,727	29,869	29,358	29,324
Arkansas .....	22,925	22,540	22,877	23,539	23,895	23,598
Delaware .....	4,046	3,782	4,019	4,045	4,004	4,216
Florida .....	1,220	1,356	1,358	1,235	1,360	1,359
Georgia .....	31,020	31,292	31,721	32,806	33,066	32,749
Kentucky .....	7,929	8,072	7,321	7,622	7,420	7,578
Louisiana .....	3,412	3,425	3,319	3,486	3,470	3,395
Maryland .....	6,910	7,740	7,623	7,399	7,587	7,276
Mississippi .....	18,152	17,584	18,644	18,232	17,704	18,675
North Carolina .....	19,505	20,107	19,994	20,164	20,258	20,020
Oklahoma .....	6,795	6,833	6,273	6,540	6,281	6,554
Pennsylvania .....	3,513	3,621	3,751	3,788	3,639	3,786
South Carolina .....	5,551	5,723	5,440	5,535	5,617	5,726
Texas .....	14,803	15,683	15,443	15,455	15,890	16,503
Virginia .....	6,366	6,188	6,031	5,305	5,999	5,934
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	18,367	18,718	17,702	18,965	19,217	19,208
19 State total .....	199,871	200,449	199,243	203,985	204,765	205,901
Previous year total .....	188,815	182,901	190,700	201,573	201,906	202,644
Percent of previous year .....	106	110	104	101	101	102

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	October 23, 2010	October 30, 2010	November 6, 2010	November 13, 2010	November 20, 2010	November 27, 2010
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,340	20,051	19,741	20,394	20,245	19,051
Arkansas .....	19,771	21,574	20,060	20,001	20,489	21,647
Delaware .....	4,289	4,635	4,979	5,102	4,738	5,116
Florida .....	1,101	1,217	1,064	1,222	1,207	1,334
Georgia .....	24,565	26,876	25,273	25,363	24,284	26,705
Kentucky .....	5,165	6,707	5,088	6,089	5,784	5,997
Louisiana .....	2,748	2,874	2,947	2,986	2,985	2,906
Maryland .....	6,718	6,466	4,825	5,712	6,285	5,292
Mississippi .....	14,580	15,385	16,069	15,738	15,074	15,936
North Carolina .....	15,001	14,087	14,837	15,375	15,927	16,274
Oklahoma .....	4,712	4,075	4,745	5,296	4,480	3,346
Pennsylvania .....	2,938	2,893	2,951	2,855	2,930	2,995
South Carolina .....	5,376	4,258	4,308	5,089	5,044	4,496
Texas .....	13,235	13,585	12,304	12,726	13,424	12,632
Virginia .....	4,591	4,662	5,288	4,735	5,184	4,970
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	16,358	16,265	16,742	15,525	16,273	16,020
19 State total .....	161,488	165,610	161,221	164,208	164,353	164,717
Previous year total .....	150,963	158,070	153,967	156,298	151,209	158,544
Percent of previous year .....	107	105	105	105	109	104

## 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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