



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 11, 2010. This was up slightly 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 11, 2010. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through December 11, 2010 were 8.29 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	November 6, 2010	November 13, 2010	November 20, 2010	November 27, 2010	December 4, 2010	December 11, 2010
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,727	29,397	29,358	29,324	29,501	29,788
Arkansas	22,877	23,436	23,072	23,598	23,763	23,197
Delaware	4,019	4,045	4,004	4,216	4,150	4,181
Florida	1,358	1,235	1,360	1,359	1,360	1,310
Georgia	31,721	32,651	33,066	32,749	33,477	33,150
Kentucky	7,321	7,704	7,558	7,578	7,184	7,625
Louisiana	3,319	3,486	3,470	3,395	3,395	3,364
Maryland	7,623	7,399	7,587	7,276	7,291	7,661
Mississippi	18,644	18,232	18,477	18,675	18,346	18,727
North Carolina	19,994	20,449	20,437	20,020	19,702	19,874
Oklahoma	6,273	6,540	6,281	6,463	6,211	6,307
Pennsylvania	3,881	3,788	3,957	3,876	3,959	3,906
South Carolina	5,440	5,535	5,617	5,726	5,432	5,587
Texas	15,465	15,687	15,910	16,523	15,272	15,698
Virginia	6,031	5,305	5,999	5,934	5,943	5,951
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	17,715	18,940	19,212	19,511	18,637	19,113
19 State total	199,408	203,829	205,365	206,223	203,623	205,439
Previous year total	190,700	201,573	201,906	202,644	201,274	205,271
Percent of previous year	105	101	102	102	101	100

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	November 6, 2010	November 13, 2010	November 20, 2010	November 27, 2010	December 4, 2010	December 11, 2010
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	19,741	20,394	20,245	19,051	19,825	20,108
Arkansas	20,060	20,001	20,489	21,461	20,162	20,001
Delaware	4,979	5,102	4,738	5,116	4,967	5,663
Florida	1,064	1,222	1,207	1,334	1,219	1,207
Georgia	25,273	25,363	24,284	26,705	27,178	27,171
Kentucky	5,194	6,196	5,890	5,804	5,981	6,624
Louisiana	2,947	2,986	2,985	2,906	3,057	3,022
Maryland	4,825	5,712	6,285	5,450	6,364	5,145
Mississippi	16,069	15,738	15,118	15,936	15,713	16,160
North Carolina	14,837	15,375	15,927	16,274	15,476	15,943
Oklahoma	4,745	5,296	4,480	3,514	4,975	4,468
Pennsylvania	2,951	2,835	2,935	3,151	3,081	3,219
South Carolina	4,308	5,089	5,044	4,496	4,599	4,656
Texas	12,322	12,745	13,442	12,651	13,339	13,588
Virginia	5,288	4,735	5,184	4,970	4,376	5,249
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,726	15,532	16,258	16,069	17,967	16,877
19 State total	161,329	164,321	164,511	164,888	168,279	169,101
Previous year total	153,967	156,298	151,209	158,544	166,323	167,012
Percent of previous year	105	105	109	104	101	101

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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