



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 February 5, 2011. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 5, 2011. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through February 5, 2011 were 840 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	January 1, 2011	January 8, 2011	January 15, 2011	January 22, 2011	January 29, 2011	February 5, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,913	30,015	29,953	30,203	30,422	29,855
Arkansas	23,060	23,080	23,176	22,019	22,656	23,426
Delaware	4,013	4,098	4,014	4,040	4,039	4,007
Florida	1,298	1,307	1,360	1,343	1,341	1,360
Georgia	32,829	32,949	32,769	32,685	33,059	33,628
Kentucky	7,032	7,253	7,517	7,043	8,065	8,006
Louisiana	3,380	3,348	3,395	3,395	3,287	3,395
Maryland	7,600	7,672	7,672	7,593	7,635	7,697
Mississippi	18,773	18,789	18,805	18,733	18,404	18,965
North Carolina	18,938	19,932	19,943	20,114	19,729	19,464
Oklahoma	6,509	7,034	7,207	7,049	7,016	6,974
Pennsylvania	3,996	4,031	4,073	4,073	3,892	3,298
South Carolina	5,683	5,639	5,553	5,544	5,673	5,452
Texas	15,397	15,528	15,510	15,082	14,404	14,320
Virginia	5,964	6,000	5,979	5,641	5,905	5,971
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	18,607	18,629	18,285	18,759	18,503	19,241
19 State total	202,992	205,304	205,211	203,316	204,030	205,059
Previous year total	202,676	202,247	200,307	202,034	202,304	204,076
Percent of previous year	100	102	102	101	101	100

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	January 1, 2011	January 8, 2011	January 15, 2011	January 22, 2011	January 29, 2011	February 5, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,032	20,649	21,063	20,692	21,000	20,856
Arkansas	21,309	20,616	20,231	22,119	20,707	20,823
Delaware	5,387	4,938	4,875	5,689	4,420	5,300
Florida	1,135	1,387	1,269	1,230	1,224	1,229
Georgia	27,580	27,955	27,733	27,123	27,323	27,749
Kentucky	5,814	5,549	5,922	5,762	5,604	5,742
Louisiana	2,968	2,935	2,962	2,977	2,915	3,002
Maryland	5,629	5,937	5,796	4,866	5,928	5,662
Mississippi	16,213	16,131	16,168	16,247	16,190	16,293
North Carolina	15,372	15,388	16,030	14,841	15,534	15,446
Oklahoma	3,243	4,424	4,953	3,515	4,244	5,481
Pennsylvania	3,303	3,237	3,168	3,236	3,207	3,328
South Carolina	4,275	4,915	4,315	5,123	4,728	4,455
Texas	13,386	13,371	13,218	12,879	13,006	13,054
Virginia	4,371	4,329	4,568	4,886	5,202	4,849
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	17,550	16,647	15,937	16,296	17,177	14,676
19 State total	168,567	168,408	168,208	167,481	168,409	167,945
Previous year total	169,296	166,836	167,240	166,113	165,437	163,279
Percent of previous year	100	101	101	101	102	103

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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