



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 5, 2011. This was up 1 percent 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 5, 2011. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through March 5, 2011 were 1.51 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	January 29, 2011	February 5, 2011	February 12, 2011	February 19, 2011	February 26, 2011	March 5, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,439	29,941	30,140	31,010	29,955	29,840
Arkansas	22,819	23,426	22,979	23,340	23,263	23,546
Delaware	4,039	3,980	3,768	4,002	3,899	3,853
Florida	1,341	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,359	1,360
Georgia	33,059	33,628	33,436	33,653	33,090	33,447
Kentucky	7,864	8,135	8,019	7,944	7,850	7,686
Louisiana	3,287	3,395	3,395	3,379	3,409	3,440
Maryland	7,635	7,695	7,703	7,707	7,688	7,716
Mississippi	18,404	18,965	18,376	18,736	19,064	18,623
North Carolina	19,673	19,462	19,637	19,636	19,957	19,537
Oklahoma	7,016	6,974	7,181	7,019	7,148	7,061
Pennsylvania	4,116	3,914	4,001	3,675	3,732	3,882
South Carolina	5,673	5,452	5,579	5,610	5,566	5,566
Texas	14,404	14,320	14,234	14,931	15,353	15,728
Virginia	5,905	5,971	6,081	5,834	6,465	6,571
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	18,259	19,122	18,435	18,644	19,515	19,718
19 State total	203,933	205,740	204,324	206,480	207,313	207,574
Previous year total	202,304	204,076	205,734	206,981	207,365	206,494
Percent of previous year	101	101	99	100	100	101

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	January 29, 2011	February 5, 2011	February 12, 2011	February 19, 2011	February 26, 2011	March 5, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,000	20,856	20,903	21,762	21,044	21,765
Arkansas	20,707	20,823	21,034	21,319	22,150	21,633
Delaware	4,420	5,002	4,579	5,336	4,498	5,112
Florida	1,224	1,229	1,202	1,201	1,349	1,225
Georgia	27,323	27,749	27,205	28,083	27,285	28,329
Kentucky	5,600	5,742	6,028	6,357	6,734	5,854
Louisiana	2,915	3,002	3,014	2,991	3,021	3,081
Maryland	5,928	5,885	5,439	5,874	6,758	5,621
Mississippi	16,190	16,293	16,123	15,576	16,401	15,919
North Carolina	15,534	15,446	15,715	15,731	15,202	15,799
Oklahoma	4,244	5,586	5,162	3,814	2,973	3,541
Pennsylvania	3,207	3,302	3,347	3,251	3,203	3,280
South Carolina	4,728	4,455	4,805	3,885	4,852	4,050
Texas	13,006	13,054	12,668	12,033	11,784	11,778
Virginia	5,202	4,971	5,459	4,520	4,352	4,759
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	17,265	14,681	15,202	15,710	17,007	16,494
19 State total	168,493	168,076	167,885	167,443	168,613	168,240
Previous year total	165,437	163,279	164,631	165,886	168,299	169,058
Percent of previous year	102	103	102	101	100	100

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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