



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 16, 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 84 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 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 16, 2011. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through April 16, 2011 were 2.55 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	March 12, 2011	March 19, 2011	March 26, 2011	April 2, 2011	April 9, 2011	April 16, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,908	30,208	31,067	30,578	30,544	31,264
Arkansas	23,670	23,384	23,252	23,580	23,776	23,464
Delaware	3,810	3,888	3,882	3,892	3,858	3,902
Florida	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,344
Georgia	33,291	33,153	32,819	33,876	33,408	33,304
Kentucky	7,653	7,763	7,965	7,848	7,862	7,651
Louisiana	3,409	3,440	3,471	3,288	3,440	3,440
Maryland	7,677	7,654	7,741	7,730	7,747	7,749
Mississippi	18,991	19,459	19,549	19,380	19,413	19,520
North Carolina	19,790	20,494	20,276	19,995	20,495	20,584
Oklahoma	7,432	7,270	7,268	7,006	7,310	7,219
Pennsylvania	3,984	3,914	3,697	3,546	3,510	3,755
South Carolina	5,660	5,439	5,746	5,613	5,575	5,586
Texas	15,311	15,166	14,977	15,490	15,528	15,446
Virginia	6,513	6,318	6,590	6,593	6,315	6,040
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	19,328	19,653	19,722	18,625	19,050	19,067
19 State total	207,787	208,563	209,382	208,400	209,191	209,335
Previous year total	205,825	207,915	205,735	204,921	209,257	206,893
Percent of previous year	101	100	102	102	100	101

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	March 12, 2011	March 19, 2011	March 26, 2011	April 2, 2011	April 9, 2011	April 16, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,441	20,592	21,440	20,827	21,456	21,826
Arkansas	23,147	20,908	21,478	21,296	20,131	21,847
Delaware	4,624	4,626	4,824	5,245	4,325	4,717
Florida	1,290	1,249	1,270	1,296	1,243	1,243
Georgia	28,770	28,305	27,603	28,221	27,898	27,852
Kentucky	6,695	6,475	6,766	5,746	6,255	6,893
Louisiana	2,997	3,036	3,227	3,028	3,005	3,064
Maryland	6,226	6,533	6,041	5,547	6,226	6,237
Mississippi	16,276	16,447	16,528	16,560	16,967	17,133
North Carolina	16,277	15,819	15,782	15,475	16,753	15,874
Oklahoma	2,559	4,131	4,837	5,206	5,531	4,199
Pennsylvania	3,028	3,032	3,206	3,229	3,117	2,990
South Carolina	4,010	4,010	4,916	4,991	4,375	5,069
Texas	12,361	13,007	13,170	12,976	12,894	12,608
Virginia	4,705	4,966	5,402	5,439	5,316	5,532
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,028	17,429	17,362	17,701	17,199	16,704
19 State total	170,434	170,565	173,852	172,783	172,691	173,788
Previous year total	170,443	170,235	169,700	168,989	171,651	169,539
Percent of previous year	100	100	102	102	101	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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