



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 197 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 16, 2011. This was down 6 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 Down 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 16, 2011. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through July 16, 2011 were 4.77 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	June 11, 2011	June 18, 2011	June 25, 2011	July 2, 2011	July 9, 2011	July 16, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,211	28,621	27,776	27,963	27,335	27,476
Arkansas	22,752	21,735	22,066	21,198	21,087	20,573
Delaware	3,271	3,156	2,940	2,770	2,656	2,920
Florida	1,359	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,327	1,353
Georgia	33,547	32,798	32,225	32,833	32,505	32,004
Kentucky	8,089	7,912	7,821	7,390	7,920	7,963
Louisiana	3,258	3,273	3,288	3,273	3,273	3,258
Maryland	7,700	7,645	7,645	7,600	7,624	7,620
Mississippi	19,021	18,377	18,494	18,101	18,200	18,293
North Carolina	19,902	19,355	19,433	19,463	19,544	19,974
Oklahoma	6,918	6,540	6,821	6,700	6,519	6,856
Pennsylvania	4,169	3,848	4,050	3,854	3,635	3,873
South Carolina	5,367	5,683	5,409	5,250	5,424	5,028
Texas	14,774	14,782	14,915	14,951	14,750	14,449
Virginia	6,163	6,063	6,077	6,079	6,057	5,861
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	18,707	19,221	18,828	19,722	17,971	19,032
19 State total	205,208	200,369	199,148	198,507	195,827	196,533
Previous year total	211,108	210,421	211,324	207,492	206,138	209,753
Percent of previous year	97	95	94	96	95	94

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	June 11, 2011	June 18, 2011	June 25, 2011	July 2, 2011	July 9, 2011	July 16, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,168	20,738	20,723	20,899	19,453	20,090
Arkansas	20,407	21,475	21,340	20,799	19,876	19,093
Delaware	4,806	5,423	4,270	4,738	5,022	4,737
Florida	1,306	1,376	1,352	1,289	1,222	1,223
Georgia	28,436	28,732	28,027	27,664	28,695	27,443
Kentucky	6,431	7,218	6,648	6,444	6,579	6,099
Louisiana	2,927	3,081	2,940	2,902	2,960	2,968
Maryland	4,911	4,403	5,815	5,169	5,425	5,603
Mississippi	16,441	16,151	16,294	16,242	15,765	15,972
North Carolina	16,489	16,551	16,510	16,286	15,088	15,694
Oklahoma	5,147	3,644	4,498	4,254	3,296	4,635
Pennsylvania	3,263	3,276	3,098	3,294	3,126	3,078
South Carolina	4,631	4,023	4,618	5,105	4,364	3,792
Texas	12,964	11,639	12,486	12,620	12,658	12,802
Virginia	5,668	5,206	4,883	4,981	4,862	4,584
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,690	16,638	15,803	16,934	18,154	17,025
19 State total	170,685	169,574	169,305	169,620	166,545	164,838
Previous year total	175,255	175,668	176,115	175,093	173,501	174,319
Percent of previous year	97	97	96	97	96	95

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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