



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 30, 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 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Down 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 30, 2011. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through July 30, 2011 were 5.10 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	June 25, 2011	July 2, 2011	July 9, 2011	July 16, 2011	July 23, 2011	July 30, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,776	27,532	27,369	27,325	27,370	27,295
Arkansas	22,066	20,935	21,087	20,573	20,072	20,970
Delaware	2,940	2,770	2,656	2,920	2,920	3,022
Florida	1,360	1,360	1,327	1,353	1,352	1,382
Georgia	32,225	32,833	32,505	32,004	32,247	31,089
Kentucky	7,745	7,413	7,907	7,963	7,675	7,593
Louisiana	3,288	3,273	3,273	3,258	3,258	3,258
Maryland	7,645	7,600	7,624	7,620	7,644	7,510
Mississippi	18,494	18,101	18,200	18,293	18,417	18,418
North Carolina	19,433	19,463	19,543	20,095	19,797	19,845
Oklahoma	6,821	6,700	6,519	6,856	6,628	6,610
Pennsylvania	4,050	3,854	3,651	4,080	4,031	3,733
South Carolina	5,409	5,250	5,424	5,028	5,476	5,404
Texas	14,915	14,951	14,750	14,449	14,579	14,837
Virginia	6,077	6,079	6,057	5,861	5,808	5,787
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	18,828	19,722	17,859	19,324	18,385	18,269
19 State total	199,072	197,836	195,751	197,002	195,659	195,022
Previous year total	211,324	207,492	206,138	209,753	208,724	208,549
Percent of previous year	94	95	95	94	94	94

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	June 25, 2011	July 2, 2011	July 9, 2011	July 16, 2011	July 23, 2011	July 30, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,723	20,899	19,453	20,239	19,810	19,511
Arkansas	21,340	20,799	19,876	19,093	18,983	20,542
Delaware	4,270	4,738	5,022	4,737	4,770	4,403
Florida	1,352	1,289	1,222	1,223	1,209	1,184
Georgia	28,027	27,547	28,489	27,466	28,051	27,726
Kentucky	6,648	6,444	6,579	6,099	5,881	6,479
Louisiana	2,940	2,902	2,960	2,968	2,969	2,983
Maryland	5,815	5,169	5,425	5,603	5,721	4,661
Mississippi	16,294	16,242	15,765	15,904	15,901	15,623
North Carolina	16,510	16,286	15,088	15,911	15,747	16,200
Oklahoma	4,498	4,254	3,296	4,635	4,057	3,457
Pennsylvania	3,098	3,294	3,126	3,212	3,122	2,965
South Carolina	4,618	5,105	4,364	3,792	3,758	4,075
Texas	12,486	12,620	12,658	12,802	12,505	12,681
Virginia	4,883	4,981	4,862	4,584	4,375	5,518
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,803	16,934	18,154	17,008	16,490	15,417
19 State total	169,305	169,503	166,339	165,276	163,349	163,425
Previous year total	176,115	175,093	173,501	174,319	169,782	170,569
Percent of previous year	96	97	96	95	96	96

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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