



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 196 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 6, 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 6, 2011. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through August 6, 2011 were 5.26 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	July 2, 2011	July 9, 2011	July 16, 2011	July 23, 2011	July 30, 2011	August 6, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,532	27,369	27,244	27,370	27,297	27,333
Arkansas	20,935	21,087	20,573	20,072	20,970	20,810
Delaware	2,770	2,656	2,920	2,920	3,022	3,167
Florida	1,360	1,327	1,353	1,352	1,382	1,362
Georgia	32,833	32,505	32,177	32,247	31,089	31,518
Kentucky	7,413	7,907	7,960	7,675	7,593	7,754
Louisiana	3,273	3,273	3,258	3,258	3,258	3,288
Maryland	7,600	7,624	7,620	7,644	7,510	7,511
Mississippi	18,101	18,200	18,293	18,417	18,418	18,563
North Carolina	19,463	19,543	20,095	19,797	19,845	19,570
Oklahoma	6,700	6,519	6,856	6,628	6,610	6,489
Pennsylvania	3,854	3,651	4,080	4,031	3,768	3,993
South Carolina	5,250	5,424	5,028	5,476	5,405	5,140
Texas	14,957	14,756	14,420	14,550	14,809	14,695
Virginia	6,079	6,057	5,861	5,808	5,787	5,764
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	19,722	17,859	19,324	18,385	18,136	19,076
19 State total	197,842	195,757	197,062	195,630	194,899	196,033
Previous year total	207,492	206,138	209,753	208,724	208,549	207,588
Percent of previous year	95	95	94	94	93	94

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	July 2, 2011	July 9, 2011	July 16, 2011	July 23, 2011	July 30, 2011	August 6, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,899	19,453	20,239	19,810	19,449	19,236
Arkansas	20,799	19,876	19,093	18,983	20,542	18,433
Delaware	4,738	5,022	4,737	4,770	4,403	4,023
Florida	1,289	1,222	1,223	1,209	1,184	1,216
Georgia	27,547	28,489	27,466	28,051	27,726	27,771
Kentucky	6,444	6,579	6,099	5,881	6,479	6,138
Louisiana	2,902	2,960	2,968	2,969	2,983	2,960
Maryland	5,169	5,425	5,603	5,721	4,661	6,940
Mississippi	16,242	15,765	15,904	15,901	15,845	15,881
North Carolina	16,286	15,088	15,911	15,747	16,241	16,089
Oklahoma	4,254	3,296	4,635	4,057	3,457	4,859
Pennsylvania	3,294	3,126	3,212	3,122	3,030	3,329
South Carolina	5,105	4,364	3,792	3,758	4,051	4,219
Texas	12,620	12,663	12,807	12,510	12,685	12,321
Virginia	4,981	4,862	4,584	4,375	5,518	4,221
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,934	18,154	17,008	16,490	15,417	16,823
19 State total	169,503	166,344	165,281	163,354	163,671	164,459
Previous year total	175,093	173,501	174,319	169,782	170,569	173,173
Percent of previous year	97	96	95	96	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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