



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 7 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 186 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 8, 2011. This was down 7 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 8 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 8, 2011. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through October 8, 2011 were 6.70 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	September 3, 2011	September 10, 2011	September 17, 2011	September 24, 2011	October 1, 2011	October 8, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	26,364	26,415	25,289	27,117	25,433	26,097
Arkansas .....	19,852	18,223	19,087	18,961	18,949	19,417
Delaware .....	2,906	2,908	2,852	2,895	3,045	3,041
Florida .....	1,350	1,352	1,074	1,351	1,354	1,349
Georgia .....	31,519	31,151	29,383	31,268	30,766	30,624
Kentucky .....	7,484	7,416	6,161	7,729	6,893	7,342
Louisiana .....	2,947	3,258	3,183	3,242	3,258	3,212
Maryland .....	7,399	6,863	6,852	6,820	7,517	6,839
Mississippi .....	16,780	17,569	17,813	16,824	16,270	16,329
North Carolina .....	18,960	17,302	18,211	18,670	18,270	18,345
Oklahoma .....	6,701	6,228	6,465	6,751	5,962	6,813
Pennsylvania .....	3,877	3,718	3,438	3,558	3,337	3,698
South Carolina .....	4,891	4,892	5,522	5,263	4,956	4,866
Texas .....	14,253	13,792	12,590	14,232	13,269	13,423
Virginia .....	5,933	5,859	5,363	5,663	5,461	5,773
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	18,549	18,718	16,927	17,818	18,080	18,767
19 State total .....	189,765	185,664	180,210	188,162	182,820	185,935
Previous year total .....	203,941	204,833	196,963	205,808	197,354	200,470
Percent of previous year .....	93	91	91	91	93	93

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	September 3, 2011	September 10, 2011	September 17, 2011	September 24, 2011	October 1, 2011	October 8, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	19,276	19,616	20,087	18,304	19,468	17,731
Arkansas .....	19,024	19,575	19,412	18,793	17,501	18,649
Delaware .....	4,444	4,328	5,154	5,074	3,913	3,882
Florida .....	1,137	1,251	1,140	1,156	1,156	931
Georgia .....	26,269	25,851	26,026	27,801	26,676	25,442
Kentucky .....	6,287	6,198	6,747	5,910	6,192	4,970
Louisiana .....	2,952	2,928	2,851	2,676	2,909	2,830
Maryland .....	5,645	6,319	5,397	4,784	6,199	5,560
Mississippi .....	15,984	15,962	15,314	14,533	15,196	15,333
North Carolina .....	15,378	14,969	15,445	15,218	13,845	14,607
Oklahoma .....	3,905	4,317	4,842	3,712	3,527	4,089
Pennsylvania .....	3,087	2,897	3,045	3,208	3,079	2,823
South Carolina .....	5,146	4,629	4,932	3,699	3,702	3,460
Texas .....	11,648	11,528	11,506	11,770	11,380	10,318
Virginia .....	4,353	4,543	4,439	5,067	4,229	4,436
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	17,427	16,043	15,667	16,638	15,750	14,638
19 State total .....	161,962	160,954	162,004	158,343	154,722	149,699
Previous year total .....	170,109	170,626	169,940	167,630	169,617	162,438
Percent of previous year .....	95	94	95	94	91	92

## 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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