



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 24, 2012. This was down slightly 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 151 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 24, 2012. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through November 24, 2012 were 7.60 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	October 20, 2012	October 27, 2012	November 3, 2012	November 10, 2012	November 17, 2012	November 24, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	26,218	25,961	24,206	26,932	27,513	27,056
Arkansas	18,329	20,507	20,132	20,996	21,688	21,632
Delaware	3,162	3,240	3,284	3,389	3,415	3,413
Florida	1,088	1,353	1,351	1,353	1,351	1,353
Georgia	28,995	30,168	29,979	31,559	32,130	31,711
Kentucky	6,483	7,125	7,467	7,094	7,638	7,065
Louisiana	3,298	3,183	2,956	2,956	3,288	3,258
Maryland	7,071	6,766	6,803	7,136	7,158	7,182
Mississippi	16,364	16,365	15,168	17,223	16,865	17,178
Missouri	7,210	7,867	6,859	7,258	8,040	8,013
North Carolina	17,924	19,331	19,336	20,202	19,553	19,786
Oklahoma	6,416	6,622	6,662	6,553	6,830	6,825
Pennsylvania	3,353	3,246	3,530	3,546	3,749	3,630
South Carolina	5,654	5,252	5,156	5,129	5,243	5,657
Texas	12,609	13,381	12,996	13,980	14,128	14,000
Virginia	5,543	6,195	4,780	5,127	6,275	6,455
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	8,418	10,563	9,966	10,414	10,883	10,288
19 State total	178,135	187,125	180,631	190,847	195,747	194,502
Previous year total	183,537	185,172	186,594	194,224	195,158	194,560
Percent of previous year	97	101	97	98	100	100

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	October 20, 2012	October 27, 2012	November 3, 2012	November 10, 2012	November 17, 2012	November 24, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	18,933	19,723	19,325	18,897	19,390	17,883
Arkansas	18,637	19,282	17,289	17,258	20,306	18,987
Delaware	3,720	4,232	4,164	4,095	4,371	3,797
Florida	1,023	1,291	1,276	1,035	1,326	1,162
Georgia	25,680	26,231	25,812	24,781	24,678	24,639
Kentucky	5,762	5,910	5,544	5,247	5,731	5,928
Louisiana	2,700	2,703	2,949	2,981	2,891	2,664
Maryland	6,331	5,259	5,712	5,246	5,307	5,710
Mississippi	13,616	14,142	13,994	13,869	13,993	12,984
Missouri	4,770	5,543	4,996	4,849	5,265	4,869
North Carolina	15,158	14,988	14,505	15,055	15,712	16,127
Oklahoma	4,854	4,356	3,706	4,181	3,680	3,997
Pennsylvania	2,972	2,945	2,901	2,634	2,488	2,965
South Carolina	4,127	3,818	4,251	3,726	4,184	4,885
Texas	11,684	11,148	11,027	10,769	11,234	11,140
Virginia	4,495	4,494	4,526	4,349	4,507	3,929
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,802	10,666	10,090	8,560	10,729	9,435
19 State total	154,264	156,731	152,067	147,532	155,792	151,101
Previous year total	151,134	153,311	149,126	152,174	152,567	156,853
Percent of previous year	102	102	102	97	102	96

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all chicken hatcheries within the 19 States that hatch at least one million chicks a year. 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 hatcheries within the 19 States that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. 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. 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.

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