



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 2 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 2, 2011. This was up 2 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 Up 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 2, 2011. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through April 2, 2011 were 2.20 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	February 26, 2011	March 5, 2011	March 12, 2011	March 19, 2011	March 26, 2011	April 2, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,551	30,027	29,908	30,414	31,125	30,578
Arkansas .....	23,339	23,447	23,670	23,384	23,253	23,582
Delaware .....	3,899	3,853	3,810	3,888	3,882	3,892
Florida .....	1,359	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,360
Georgia .....	33,090	33,447	33,291	33,153	32,819	33,876
Kentucky .....	7,822	7,788	7,721	7,834	7,861	7,848
Louisiana .....	3,409	3,440	3,409	3,440	3,471	3,288
Maryland .....	7,688	7,716	7,677	7,654	7,741	7,730
Mississippi .....	19,064	18,980	18,991	19,428	18,722	18,583
North Carolina .....	19,794	19,586	19,790	20,377	20,276	19,995
Oklahoma .....	7,148	7,061	7,432	7,470	7,268	7,006
Pennsylvania .....	3,732	3,961	3,984	3,921	3,697	3,712
South Carolina .....	5,566	5,566	5,660	5,439	5,746	5,613
Texas .....	15,351	15,728	15,347	15,202	15,012	15,526
Virginia .....	6,465	6,571	6,513	6,318	6,590	6,593
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	19,356	19,949	19,312	19,656	19,804	18,614
19 State total .....	206,633	208,480	207,875	208,938	208,627	207,796
Previous year total .....	207,365	206,494	205,506	207,381	205,353	204,597
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	101	101	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	February 26, 2011	March 5, 2011	March 12, 2011	March 19, 2011	March 26, 2011	April 2, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,044	21,177	21,441	20,592	21,440	20,770
Arkansas .....	22,150	21,612	23,147	20,908	21,478	21,286
Delaware .....	4,498	5,112	4,624	4,626	4,824	5,245
Florida .....	1,349	1,225	1,290	1,249	1,270	1,296
Georgia .....	27,285	28,329	28,770	28,305	27,603	28,206
Kentucky .....	6,780	5,854	6,635	6,416	6,706	5,741
Louisiana .....	3,021	3,081	2,997	3,036	3,227	3,028
Maryland .....	6,758	5,621	6,226	6,533	6,041	5,573
Mississippi .....	16,401	15,919	16,276	16,477	16,528	16,564
North Carolina .....	15,202	15,799	16,277	15,819	15,782	15,454
Oklahoma .....	2,973	3,638	2,559	4,131	4,837	5,206
Pennsylvania .....	3,203	3,257	3,020	3,028	3,198	3,248
South Carolina .....	4,852	4,050	4,010	4,010	4,916	4,991
Texas .....	11,915	11,778	12,343	12,989	13,152	13,004
Virginia .....	4,352	4,759	4,705	4,966	5,402	5,439
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	17,022	16,527	15,978	17,406	17,388	17,629
19 State total .....	168,805	167,738	170,298	170,491	173,792	172,680
Previous year total .....	168,299	169,058	170,165	169,930	169,163	168,526
Percent of previous year .....	100	99	100	100	103	102

## 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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