



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 9, 2011. This was up slightly 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 9, 2011. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through April 9, 2011 were 2.37 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	March 5, 2011	March 12, 2011	March 19, 2011	March 26, 2011	April 2, 2011	April 9, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,027	29,908	30,208	31,125	30,578	30,544
Arkansas	23,447	23,670	23,384	23,253	23,580	23,776
Delaware	3,853	3,810	3,888	3,882	3,892	3,858
Florida	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,360
Georgia	33,447	33,291	33,153	32,819	33,876	33,408
Kentucky	7,788	7,721	7,751	7,861	7,848	7,817
Louisiana	3,440	3,409	3,440	3,471	3,288	3,440
Maryland	7,716	7,677	7,654	7,741	7,730	7,747
Mississippi	18,980	18,991	19,428	18,722	18,583	19,413
North Carolina	19,586	19,790	20,494	20,276	19,995	20,495
Oklahoma	7,061	7,432	7,270	7,268	7,006	7,310
Pennsylvania	3,961	3,984	3,914	3,697	3,546	3,503
South Carolina	5,566	5,660	5,439	5,746	5,613	5,575
Texas	15,728	15,347	15,202	15,012	15,526	15,564
Virginia	6,571	6,513	6,318	6,590	6,593	6,315
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	19,999	19,352	19,653	19,734	18,637	19,062
19 State total	208,530	207,915	208,556	208,557	207,651	209,187
Previous year total	206,494	205,506	207,381	205,353	204,597	208,937
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	102	101	100

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	March 5, 2011	March 12, 2011	March 19, 2011	March 26, 2011	April 2, 2011	April 9, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,177	21,441	20,592	21,440	20,827	21,456
Arkansas	21,612	23,147	20,908	21,478	21,296	20,131
Delaware	5,112	4,624	4,626	4,824	5,245	4,325
Florida	1,225	1,290	1,249	1,270	1,296	1,243
Georgia	28,329	28,770	28,305	27,603	28,221	27,871
Kentucky	5,924	6,695	6,475	6,766	5,746	6,194
Louisiana	3,081	2,997	3,036	3,227	3,028	3,005
Maryland	5,621	6,226	6,533	6,041	5,547	6,226
Mississippi	15,919	16,276	16,477	16,528	16,564	16,967
North Carolina	15,799	16,277	15,819	15,782	15,474	16,620
Oklahoma	3,638	2,559	4,131	4,837	5,206	5,531
Pennsylvania	3,263	3,028	3,032	3,206	3,229	3,143
South Carolina	4,050	4,010	4,010	4,916	4,991	4,375
Texas	11,778	12,343	12,989	13,152	13,004	12,923
Virginia	4,759	4,705	4,966	5,402	5,439	5,316
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,505	16,021	17,441	17,373	17,727	17,214
19 State total	167,792	170,409	170,589	173,845	172,840	172,540
Previous year total	169,058	170,165	169,930	169,163	168,526	172,501
Percent of previous year	99	100	100	103	103	100

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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