



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 4, 2011. This was down 3 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 Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 4, 2011. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through June 4, 2011 were 3.76 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	April 30, 2011	May 7, 2011	May 14, 2011	May 21, 2011	May 28, 2011	June 4, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,727	29,890	29,446	29,254	30,375	30,091
Arkansas	23,275	23,583	23,501	23,508	23,424	22,944
Delaware	3,811	3,860	3,740	3,941	3,852	3,753
Florida	1,360	1,360	1,358	1,358	1,360	1,360
Georgia	33,368	33,663	33,479	34,021	33,821	34,323
Kentucky	7,441	8,194	8,055	7,611	7,987	7,929
Louisiana	3,288	3,394	3,319	3,258	3,273	3,258
Maryland	7,738	7,725	7,680	7,692	7,634	7,696
Mississippi	19,168	19,304	19,273	19,099	19,072	18,945
North Carolina	20,441	20,284	20,301	20,156	20,198	19,930
Oklahoma	7,033	7,073	7,073	7,113	7,228	6,922
Pennsylvania	4,028	4,128	4,199	4,065	4,151	3,980
South Carolina	5,271	5,422	5,345	5,394	5,450	5,470
Texas	15,550	15,379	15,016	15,316	14,080	14,727
Virginia	6,685	6,251	5,956	6,296	6,276	6,193
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	19,622	19,235	19,162	18,922	18,798	18,764
19 State total	207,806	208,745	206,903	207,004	206,979	206,285
Previous year total	207,319	209,188	210,586	211,658	211,315	211,771
Percent of previous year	100	100	98	98	98	97

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	April 30, 2011	May 7, 2011	May 14, 2011	May 21, 2011	May 28, 2011	June 4, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,957	20,915	21,208	20,601	21,984	20,194
Arkansas	22,162	21,042	21,894	20,685	21,445	21,812
Delaware	4,633	5,492	5,190	4,103	4,520	5,139
Florida	1,317	1,239	1,182	1,216	1,365	1,390
Georgia	28,637	28,557	28,937	29,633	27,923	29,076
Kentucky	6,847	6,094	6,405	6,322	6,190	6,122
Louisiana	3,029	3,031	2,940	2,952	3,515	2,986
Maryland	6,403	6,266	5,844	7,248	5,749	5,382
Mississippi	16,666	16,490	16,523	16,207	16,503	16,466
North Carolina	16,915	16,731	16,285	16,069	16,383	16,784
Oklahoma	4,530	3,730	4,460	5,912	4,861	4,373
Pennsylvania	2,987	3,004	3,212	3,236	3,280	3,294
South Carolina	3,957	4,301	4,556	4,360	4,526	4,003
Texas	13,247	13,242	13,392	13,078	12,512	12,545
Virginia	4,907	4,451	4,979	5,286	5,238	4,780
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,047	18,565	17,574	16,669	17,518	17,180
19 State total	173,241	173,150	174,581	173,577	173,512	171,526
Previous year total	172,617	171,075	171,930	171,002	172,590	174,177
Percent of previous year	100	101	102	102	101	98

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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