



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 4 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 2, 2011. This was down 4 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 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 2, 2011. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through July 2, 2011 were 4.44 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	May 28, 2011	June 4, 2011	June 11, 2011	June 18, 2011	June 25, 2011	July 2, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	30,375	30,130	30,211	28,617	27,984	27,963
Arkansas .....	23,072	22,929	22,752	21,990	22,263	21,198
Delaware .....	3,852	3,753	3,271	3,156	2,940	2,770
Florida .....	1,360	1,360	1,359	1,360	1,360	1,360
Georgia .....	33,821	33,567	33,547	32,798	32,684	32,848
Kentucky .....	8,116	8,077	8,071	7,962	7,805	7,372
Louisiana .....	3,273	3,258	3,258	3,273	3,288	3,273
Maryland .....	7,634	7,696	7,700	7,645	7,645	7,600
Mississippi .....	19,072	19,035	19,021	18,346	18,494	18,101
North Carolina .....	20,198	20,006	19,902	19,354	19,433	19,865
Oklahoma .....	7,046	6,907	6,918	6,540	6,456	6,700
Pennsylvania .....	4,151	3,885	4,169	3,848	4,010	3,855
South Carolina .....	5,450	5,470	5,367	5,683	5,409	5,250
Texas .....	13,929	14,747	14,722	14,765	14,897	14,937
Virginia .....	6,276	6,193	6,163	5,815	6,077	6,079
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	18,881	18,755	18,706	19,197	18,805	19,359
19 State total .....	206,506	205,768	205,137	200,349	199,550	198,530
Previous year total .....	211,315	211,771	211,108	210,421	211,324	207,492
Percent of previous year .....	98	97	97	95	94	96

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

State	Week ending					
	May 28, 2011	June 4, 2011	June 11, 2011	June 18, 2011	June 25, 2011	July 2, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,984	20,621	20,168	20,738	20,723	20,855
Arkansas .....	21,461	21,849	20,407	21,475	21,340	20,799
Delaware .....	4,520	5,139	4,806	5,423	4,270	4,738
Florida .....	1,365	1,390	1,306	1,376	1,352	1,289
Georgia .....	27,923	29,076	28,436	28,732	28,027	27,594
Kentucky .....	6,190	6,122	6,431	7,218	6,648	6,439
Louisiana .....	3,515	2,986	2,927	3,081	2,940	2,902
Maryland .....	5,749	5,382	4,911	4,403	5,815	5,169
Mississippi .....	16,503	16,565	16,441	16,151	16,294	16,261
North Carolina .....	16,383	16,784	16,489	16,551	16,510	16,361
Oklahoma .....	4,861	4,373	5,147	3,644	4,498	4,254
Pennsylvania .....	3,280	3,295	3,263	3,276	3,053	3,409
South Carolina .....	4,526	4,003	4,631	4,023	4,618	5,105
Texas .....	12,512	12,551	12,959	11,634	12,480	12,615
Virginia .....	5,238	4,780	5,668	5,206	4,883	4,981
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	17,555	17,207	16,740	16,685	15,852	16,794
19 State total .....	173,565	172,123	170,730	169,616	169,303	169,565
Previous year total .....	172,590	174,177	175,255	175,668	176,115	175,093
Percent of previous year .....	101	99	97	97	96	97

## 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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