



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 24, 2010. This was up 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 24, 2010. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through July 24, 2010 were 4.93 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set - 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	June 19, 2010	June 26, 2010	July 3, 2010	July 10, 2010	July 17, 2010	July 24, 2010
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,862	31,165	31,328	30,782	30,509	30,595
Arkansas	23,927	24,266	24,158	23,231	24,193	24,010
Delaware	3,814	3,814	3,866	3,879	3,913	3,913
Florida	1,388	1,385	1,388	1,390	1,389	1,391
Georgia	32,103	32,435	31,394	31,599	32,298	32,349
Kentucky	7,793	7,838	7,474	7,566	7,747	7,428
Louisiana	3,455	3,455	3,470	3,470	3,122	3,409
Maryland	7,916	8,316	7,979	7,723	8,149	7,855
Mississippi	19,354	19,550	19,293	19,083	19,374	19,037
North Carolina	20,095	19,859	19,453	20,044	20,387	19,974
Oklahoma	6,924	6,295	6,321	6,211	6,539	6,246
Pennsylvania	3,754	4,006	3,966	3,367	3,642	3,886
South Carolina	6,137	5,967	6,034	5,937	5,750	6,065
Texas	16,169	16,093	14,930	15,975	15,544	16,024
Virginia	6,465	6,475	6,533	6,755	6,532	6,721
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	19,988	20,169	19,305	19,229	19,667	19,374
19 State total	210,144	211,088	206,892	206,241	208,755	208,277
Previous year total	204,273	202,562	201,322	202,101	204,579	201,353
Percent of previous year	103	104	103	102	102	103

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed - 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	June 19, 2010	June 26, 2010	July 3, 2010	July 10, 2010	July 17, 2010	July 24, 2010
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,742	22,338	21,723	22,254	21,382	22,413
Arkansas	21,984	21,797	22,691	21,451	20,958	21,622
Delaware	5,206	4,387	4,775	4,762	4,685	4,704
Florida	1,039	1,020	1,127	980	1,007	1,028
Georgia	27,457	26,601	27,776	26,758	27,050	26,493
Kentucky	6,657	6,506	6,135	5,994	6,069	5,777
Louisiana	3,199	3,164	3,132	3,140	3,108	3,246
Maryland	5,901	6,529	7,024	6,539	6,136	6,142
Mississippi	16,883	16,880	16,902	16,681	16,996	16,312
North Carolina	15,826	15,716	15,461	15,596	15,625	15,008
Oklahoma	4,847	3,847	4,131	4,663	4,802	3,329
Pennsylvania	2,828	3,020	3,090	3,071	3,148	3,147
South Carolina	5,270	5,486	4,975	4,799	5,371	5,147
Texas	13,509	13,607	13,511	13,571	13,646	12,319
Virginia	5,450	5,697	4,707	5,361	5,413	5,355
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	17,586	18,674	17,702	17,691	18,388	17,344
19 State total	175,384	175,269	174,862	173,311	173,784	169,386
Previous year total	171,801	171,828	170,752	169,460	168,472	166,973
Percent of previous year	102	102	102	102	103	101

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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