



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 29, 2007. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 29, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through September 29, 2007 were 6.89 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 25 2007	Sep 1 2007	Sep 8 2007	Sep 15 2007	Sep 22 2007	Sep 29 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,632	31,536	*30,946	31,385	*31,535	30,714
AR	28,234	28,271	27,155	26,429	27,324	26,425
DE	3,958	3,974	3,954	*3,885	*3,870	4,127
FL	1,366	1,344	1,344	1,344	1,344	1,344
GA	35,676	36,031	34,273	34,299	35,012	33,524
KY	7,608	7,766	*7,236	7,215	8,096	6,891
LA	4,044	4,038	4,029	3,999	3,978	3,712
MD	8,624	8,360	8,500	7,950	8,512	8,732
MS	17,771	17,633	18,093	17,881	17,434	17,106
NC	19,713	19,126	*17,515	19,068	19,395	18,280
OK	6,780	6,720	6,749	6,049	6,977	6,373
PA	4,484	4,397	4,204	4,058	*4,310	4,316
SC	5,592	5,370	5,390	5,547	5,518	5,728
TX	14,995	14,970	*14,642	13,224	13,982	14,173
VA	6,349	6,290	6,211	5,810	6,223	5,855
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,254	20,032	18,854	18,129	*18,872	20,077
19 State Total	216,080	215,858	*209,095	*206,272	*212,382	207,377
Previous Year Total	213,141	211,613	204,137	202,441	207,521	203,118
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	102	102	102	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 25 2007	Sep 1 2007	Sep 8 2007	Sep 15 2007	Sep 22 2007	Sep 29 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,361	21,584	20,757	*20,991	*20,892	20,015
AR	24,673	24,551	23,745	24,169	23,070	23,145
DE	5,224	4,937	4,874	*4,841	*5,259	4,436
FL	1,374	1,474	1,354	1,343	1,343	1,393
GA	30,272	28,900	29,267	29,387	28,786	28,401
KY	6,032	6,132	6,452	5,911	6,436	5,872
LA	3,835	3,865	3,979	3,905	4,225	4,057
MD	5,575	5,860	6,109	*5,783	*5,408	6,461
MS	17,090	17,079	16,947	16,238	*16,172	16,618
NC	16,123	16,300	15,934	16,414	15,950	14,836
OK	4,205	4,521	4,897	5,383	5,619	5,097
PA	2,794	3,018	3,123	3,252	*3,159	3,155
SC	4,430	4,830	4,382	4,512	5,087	4,660
TX	12,020	12,345	12,486	12,385	12,519	12,202
VA	5,080	4,916	5,271	5,353	4,866	4,887
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,334	17,144	17,153	16,840	*17,759	16,899
19 State Total	177,422	177,456	176,730	*176,707	*176,550	172,134
Previous Year Total	174,052	173,686	174,016	174,374	173,499	167,530
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	101	102	103

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