



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 8, 2007. This was up 3 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 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 8, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through December 8, 2007 were 8.61 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 3 2007	Nov 10 2007	Nov 17 2007	Nov 24 2007	Dec 1 2007	Dec 8 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,680	*31,715	*32,175	32,233	*32,561	32,178
AR	26,061	28,320	28,849	28,940	28,947	27,993
DE	4,188	4,173	4,155	4,161	4,163	4,160
FL	1,358	1,356	1,361	1,362	1,362	1,343
GA	34,040	35,370	35,774	36,119	*36,181	35,206
KY	*6,560	7,250	*7,636	7,594	7,436	7,487
LA	3,769	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,877	3,923
MD	8,938	8,897	7,999	8,715	8,821	8,707
MS	18,203	18,903	*18,062	18,478	19,151	18,720
NC	19,648	19,907	*19,230	19,752	*19,743	18,746
OK	6,124	6,036	6,656	6,634	*6,709	6,013
PA	4,237	4,297	4,368	4,339	4,388	4,188
SC	4,549	5,471	5,218	5,610	5,690	5,156
TX	*15,058	*15,534	*14,433	*15,252	*15,390	15,315
VA	6,008	6,309	6,372	6,372	6,353	6,239
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,820	*19,884	*19,863	*19,657	*20,494	18,921
19 State Total	*206,241	*217,346	*216,075	*219,142	*221,266	214,295
Previous Year Total	198,175	207,802	211,187	211,184	212,782	207,215
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	105	102	104	104	103

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 3 2007	Nov 10 2007	Nov 17 2007	Nov 24 2007	Dec 1 2007	Dec 8 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,017	19,834	*19,248	19,202	*20,717	20,502
AR	24,126	23,406	20,800	21,474	*24,712	25,747
DE	4,357	5,053	4,910	4,766	4,959	5,106
FL	1,393	1,283	1,126	1,304	1,291	1,341
GA	28,526	28,060	27,116	*27,515	28,675	29,179
KY	*5,529	*5,383	*5,704	*4,786	*5,898	6,108
LA	3,598	3,937	3,876	3,726	4,114	3,864
MD	6,297	4,789	5,379	6,354	6,224	5,607
MS	16,322	15,605	15,844	16,158	17,201	16,461
NC	15,144	14,972	*15,596	16,367	*16,522	16,272
OK	4,719	4,550	5,070	5,279	4,147	4,308
PA	3,127	3,054	2,989	3,121	3,208	3,278
SC	4,015	4,272	4,618	4,316	4,764	4,985
TX	12,104	*11,439	*11,426	*12,690	*13,043	12,135
VA	5,293	5,352	4,824	4,819	4,967	4,862
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,369	*16,310	*16,223	*17,093	*18,064	17,630
19 State Total	*171,936	*167,299	*164,749	*168,970	*178,506	177,385
Previous Year Total	165,516	160,423	156,497	162,192	168,076	171,423
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	105	104	106	103

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