



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 22, 2007. This was up 4 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 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 22, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through December 22, 2007 were 8.97 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 17 2007	Nov 24 2007	Dec 1 2007	Dec 8 2007	Dec 15 2007	Dec 22 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,175	*32,525	*32,854	32,181	*31,820	31,967
AR	28,849	28,940	28,947	27,993	*27,866	27,717
DE	4,155	4,161	4,163	*4,159	*4,159	4,133
FL	1,361	1,344	1,362	1,343	1,344	1,339
GA	35,774	36,119	36,181	35,206	36,213	35,997
KY	7,724	7,609	*7,958	7,487	7,691	7,641
LA	3,924	3,924	3,877	3,923	3,846	3,877
MD	7,999	8,715	8,821	8,707	8,669	9,015
MS	18,062	18,478	19,151	18,720	18,924	19,075
NC	19,230	19,379	*19,696	18,743	19,624	19,697
OK	6,656	6,634	6,709	6,013	6,560	6,597
PA	4,339	4,374	4,364	*4,136	4,064	4,315
SC	5,218	5,610	5,690	5,156	5,607	5,669
TX	14,433	15,426	15,390	15,315	14,733	15,467
VA	6,372	6,372	6,353	6,239	6,226	6,207
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,863	19,657	20,494	18,388	20,227	19,918
19 State Total	216,134	*219,267	*222,010	*213,709	*217,573	218,631
Previous Year Total	211,187	211,184	212,782	207,215	211,893	209,627
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	104	104	103	103	104

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 17 2007	Nov 24 2007	Dec 1 2007	Dec 8 2007	Dec 15 2007	Dec 22 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,248	19,202	20,717	20,549	*21,738	21,963
AR	20,800	21,474	24,712	25,744	*26,266	24,290
DE	4,910	4,766	4,959	*5,061	*5,343	4,482
FL	1,126	1,304	1,291	1,341	1,313	1,367
GA	27,116	27,515	28,675	29,179	29,652	29,296
KY	5,704	4,786	5,984	6,131	6,318	6,306
LA	3,876	3,726	4,114	3,864	3,586	4,031
MD	5,379	6,354	6,224	*5,666	*5,489	6,255
MS	15,844	16,158	17,201	16,461	17,081	17,284
NC	15,596	16,367	16,522	16,218	16,335	16,432
OK	5,070	5,279	4,147	4,308	3,797	4,515
PA	2,934	3,150	3,168	*3,265	3,223	3,295
SC	4,618	4,316	4,764	4,985	4,363	4,959
TX	11,426	12,690	13,043	12,135	12,865	12,833
VA	4,824	4,819	4,967	4,862	5,206	5,330
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,223	17,093	18,064	17,584	16,927	16,641
19 State Total	164,694	168,999	178,552	*177,353	*179,502	179,279
Previous Year Total	156,497	162,192	168,076	171,423	172,412	173,573
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	104	106	103	104	103

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