



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 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 29, 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 29, 2007. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through December 29, 2007 were 9.14 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 24 2007	Dec 1 2007	Dec 8 2007	Dec 15 2007	Dec 22 2007	Dec 29 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,525	32,854	*32,496	*31,823	*31,941	32,174
AR	28,940	28,947	27,993	27,866	*28,034	28,473
DE	4,161	4,163	4,159	4,159	4,133	4,156
FL	1,344	1,362	1,343	1,344	1,339	1,339
GA	36,119	36,181	*35,200	36,213	*36,034	36,366
KY	*7,642	*8,029	*7,346	7,691	*7,813	7,565
LA	3,924	3,877	3,923	3,846	3,877	3,877
MD	8,715	8,821	8,707	8,669	9,015	9,008
MS	18,478	19,151	18,720	18,924	19,075	18,861
NC	19,379	19,696	*19,249	19,624	*19,724	19,961
OK	6,634	6,709	6,013	6,560	6,597	6,630
PA	4,374	4,364	4,136	*3,977	*4,277	4,232
SC	5,610	5,690	*5,387	5,607	5,669	5,457
TX	15,426	15,390	15,315	14,733	15,467	15,468
VA	6,372	6,353	6,239	6,226	6,207	6,225
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,157	20,494	18,388	*20,310	*19,949	19,736
19 State Total	*219,800	*222,081	*214,614	*217,572	*219,151	219,528
Previous Year Total	211,184	212,782	207,215	211,893	209,627	211,375
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	104	103	105	104

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 24 2007	Dec 1 2007	Dec 8 2007	Dec 15 2007	Dec 22 2007	Dec 29 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,202	20,717	20,549	*21,911	*21,980	21,722
AR	21,474	*24,092	*25,051	*26,043	*24,253	24,616
DE	4,766	4,959	5,061	5,343	4,482	4,539
FL	1,304	1,291	1,341	1,313	1,367	1,307
GA	27,515	28,675	29,179	*29,665	*29,276	28,592
KY	4,786	5,984	6,131	*6,336	*6,798	6,298
LA	3,726	4,114	3,864	3,586	4,031	3,480
MD	6,354	6,224	5,666	5,489	6,255	6,534
MS	16,158	17,201	16,461	17,081	17,284	17,003
NC	16,367	16,522	16,218	16,335	*16,388	16,201
OK	5,279	4,147	4,308	3,797	4,515	4,672
PA	3,150	3,168	3,265	*3,201	*3,279	3,125
SC	4,316	4,764	4,985	4,363	4,959	4,628
TX	12,690	13,043	12,135	12,865	12,833	12,750
VA	4,819	4,967	4,862	5,206	*5,344	5,395
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,093	18,064	17,584	16,927	*16,788	15,572
19 State Total	168,999	*177,932	*176,660	*179,461	*179,832	176,434
Previous Year Total	162,192	168,076	171,423	172,412	173,573	168,485
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	106	103	104	104	105

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