



# 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 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 5, 2008. 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 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 5, 2008. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

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

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 1 2007	Dec 8 2007	Dec 15 2007	Dec 22 2007	Dec 29 2007	Jan 5 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,854	32,496	*31,927	31,941	*32,157	31,691
AR	28,947	27,993	*27,840	28,034	28,473	28,548
DE	4,163	4,159	4,159	4,133	*4,153	4,185
FL	1,362	1,343	*1,364	1,339	1,339	1,339
GA	36,181	35,200	36,213	36,034	36,366	35,640
KY	8,029	7,346	7,691	7,813	7,565	7,659
LA	3,877	3,923	3,846	3,877	3,877	3,706
MD	8,821	8,707	8,669	9,015	9,008	9,042
MS	19,151	18,720	18,924	19,075	18,861	17,832
NC	19,696	19,249	*19,851	19,724	19,961	19,793
OK	6,709	6,013	6,560	6,597	6,630	6,636
PA	4,364	4,136	3,977	*4,371	*4,294	4,310
SC	5,690	5,387	5,607	5,669	5,457	5,569
TX	*15,397	*15,322	*14,717	*15,469	*15,470	13,995
VA	6,353	6,239	6,226	6,207	6,225	6,197
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,522	*18,384	*20,313	*19,442	*19,410	19,523
19 State Total	*222,116	*214,617	*217,884	*218,740	*219,246	215,665
Previous Year Total	212,782	207,215	211,893	209,627	211,375	210,475
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	103	104	104	102

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 1 2007	Dec 8 2007	Dec 15 2007	Dec 22 2007	Dec 29 2007	Jan 5 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,717	20,549	21,911	21,980	*21,717	21,151
AR	24,092	25,051	26,043	*24,276	*24,567	24,127
DE	4,959	5,061	5,343	4,482	*4,796	5,199
FL	1,291	1,341	1,313	1,367	1,307	1,375
GA	28,675	29,179	*29,706	*29,388	*28,747	29,809
KY	5,984	6,131	6,336	6,798	6,298	5,916
LA	4,114	3,864	3,586	4,031	3,480	3,849
MD	6,224	5,666	5,489	6,255	*6,207	6,171
MS	17,201	16,461	17,081	17,284	17,003	17,450
NC	16,522	16,218	16,335	16,388	16,201	16,444
OK	4,147	4,308	3,797	*4,594	4,672	5,219
PA	3,168	3,265	3,201	*3,263	*3,106	3,026
SC	4,764	4,985	4,363	4,959	4,628	4,304
TX	13,043	*12,140	*12,871	12,833	*12,755	12,367
VA	4,967	4,862	5,206	5,344	*5,382	4,401
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,064	*17,600	16,927	*16,933	*15,652	17,782
19 State Total	177,932	*176,681	*179,508	*180,175	*176,518	178,590
Previous Year Total	168,076	171,423	172,412	173,573	168,485	172,967
Pct. of Prev. Year	106	103	104	104	105	103

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