



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 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 19, 2008. 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 19, 2008. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through January 19, 2008 were 538 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 15 2007	Dec 22 2007	Dec 29 2007	Jan 5 2008	Jan 12 2008	Jan 19 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,927	32,113	*32,201	31,692	32,012	32,339
AR	27,840	28,008	*28,434	*28,427	*28,098	28,446
DE	4,159	4,133	4,153	*4,182	*4,057	4,026
FL	1,364	1,339	1,339	1,339	1,339	1,368
GA	36,213	36,581	36,366	36,719	35,299	35,480
KY	*7,593	*7,810	*7,703	7,790	7,426	7,749
LA	3,846	3,675	3,710	3,706	3,685	3,920
MD	8,669	9,015	9,008	9,042	*8,969	8,980
MS	18,924	19,075	18,861	17,832	18,495	18,769
NC	19,851	19,436	*19,809	19,793	19,985	19,798
OK	6,560	6,597	6,630	6,660	6,789	6,613
PA	3,977	4,371	4,308	4,345	*4,340	4,290
SC	5,607	5,669	5,457	5,515	5,660	5,345
TX	14,717	15,473	*15,475	14,936	14,945	15,547
VA	6,226	6,207	6,225	6,197	5,999	6,324
CA, MO, TN, & WV	20,321	19,450	19,418	*19,636	*18,977	18,399
19 State Total	*217,794	*218,952	*219,097	*217,811	*216,075	217,393
Previous Year Total	211,893	209,627	211,375	210,475	211,204	208,591
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	104	103	102	104

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 15 2007	Dec 22 2007	Dec 29 2007	Jan 5 2008	Jan 12 2008	Jan 19 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,911	21,980	21,717	21,166	21,432	21,012
AR	26,043	24,319	24,567	*24,167	*24,160	24,511
DE	5,343	4,482	4,696	*5,228	*5,353	4,726
FL	1,313	1,367	1,307	1,375	1,394	1,469
GA	29,706	29,388	28,747	29,961	29,703	29,166
KY	6,336	6,798	*6,276	*5,946	*5,953	6,438
LA	3,586	4,031	3,480	3,849	3,467	3,698
MD	5,489	6,255	6,207	*6,173	*5,608	5,855
MS	17,081	17,284	17,003	17,450	17,622	17,300
NC	16,335	16,388	16,201	16,444	16,012	16,299
OK	3,797	4,595	4,371	5,219	4,854	4,892
PA	3,201	3,263	3,104	3,053	*3,251	3,275
SC	4,363	4,959	4,628	4,304	5,170	5,214
TX	12,871	12,833	12,755	12,367	12,943	12,894
VA	5,206	5,344	5,382	4,397	5,138	5,531
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,925	16,932	15,652	*17,707	*17,158	17,488
19 State Total	179,506	180,218	*176,093	*178,806	*179,218	179,768
Previous Year Total	172,412	173,573	168,485	172,967	171,178	172,806
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	105	103	105	104

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