



# 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 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 23, 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 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 23, 2008. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through February 23, 2008 were 1.42 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 19 2008	Jan 26 2008	Feb 2 2008	Feb 9 2008	Feb 16 2008	Feb 23 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,173	31,655	*31,432	31,908	31,899	31,920
AR	28,286	28,269	*28,592	28,518	28,156	28,592
DE	4,026	4,162	4,095	3,868	3,999	3,998
FL	1,368	1,368	*1,379	1,369	1,369	1,369
GA	35,121	35,523	35,895	35,460	35,318	35,186
KY	*7,274	*7,895	*7,813	7,861	7,393	7,922
LA	3,920	3,893	3,863	3,984	3,924	3,924
MD	8,980	9,005	9,025	9,104	9,067	8,975
MS	18,769	18,717	18,826	18,661	18,510	18,755
NC	19,512	19,664	*19,668	19,506	19,870	19,775
OK	6,351	6,490	6,661	6,305	6,487	6,516
PA	4,405	4,223	4,261	*4,295	*4,363	4,302
SC	5,345	5,435	5,440	5,714	5,693	5,518
TX	15,586	15,656	*15,671	15,543	15,710	15,864
VA	6,324	*6,322	6,326	6,341	6,428	6,443
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,027	*19,403	19,920	19,548	*19,812	20,266
19 State Total	*216,467	*217,680	*218,867	*217,985	*217,998	219,325
Previous Year Total	208,591	210,236	211,617	212,295	214,750	214,659
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	103	103	102	102

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 19 2008	Jan 26 2008	Feb 2 2008	Feb 9 2008	Feb 16 2008	Feb 23 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,012	20,862	21,220	21,019	*20,896	20,664
AR	24,422	24,147	23,399	22,526	23,171	23,830
DE	4,586	5,651	4,889	4,917	4,397	4,104
FL	1,469	1,332	1,384	1,417	1,382	1,317
GA	28,519	*29,686	*27,937	28,747	*28,950	29,129
KY	6,138	5,959	*6,069	*5,881	*6,632	6,511
LA	3,698	3,627	3,913	4,033	3,606	3,835
MD	5,996	5,725	5,978	6,197	*7,291	7,234
MS	17,337	16,482	16,803	17,234	17,136	17,348
NC	16,299	15,687	16,384	16,153	*16,257	16,404
OK	4,723	4,598	4,752	5,171	5,688	5,374
PA	3,180	3,183	3,256	*3,289	*3,244	3,317
SC	5,214	4,860	4,972	4,789	*4,243	4,306
TX	12,885	12,812	12,513	12,929	12,890	12,827
VA	5,531	*5,149	5,108	5,010	*4,880	4,860
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,774	17,846	17,477	17,164	*16,838	17,405
19 State Total	178,783	*177,606	*176,054	*176,476	*177,501	178,465
Previous Year Total	172,806	171,642	171,953	170,798	171,611	172,634
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	102	103	103	103

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