



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 1, 2008. This was up 1 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 1, 2008. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through March 1, 2008 were 1.60 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 26 2008	Feb 2 2008	Feb 9 2008	Feb 16 2008	Feb 23 2008	Mar 1 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,655	31,432	*31,879	31,899	31,920	31,824
AR	28,269	28,592	*27,784	28,156	*28,455	28,418
DE	4,162	4,095	3,868	3,999	3,998	3,992
FL	1,368	1,379	*1,379	1,369	1,369	1,358
GA	35,523	35,895	35,460	35,318	*35,314	35,129
KY	7,895	*7,802	*7,432	7,393	7,922	8,017
LA	3,893	3,863	3,984	3,924	3,924	3,924
MD	9,005	9,025	9,104	9,067	8,975	9,138
MS	18,717	18,826	18,661	18,510	18,755	18,774
NC	19,664	19,668	*19,796	19,870	19,775	20,142
OK	6,490	6,661	6,305	6,487	6,516	6,451
PA	4,223	4,261	4,295	*4,433	*3,976	4,197
SC	5,435	5,440	5,714	5,693	5,518	5,800
TX	15,656	*15,672	*15,702	*15,714	*15,869	15,948
VA	6,322	6,326	6,341	6,428	6,443	6,443
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,420	*19,937	*19,561	*19,825	*20,203	20,231
19 State Total	*217,697	*218,874	*217,265	*218,085	*218,932	219,786
Previous Year Total	210,236	211,617	212,295	214,750	214,659	216,547
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	103	102	102	102	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 26 2008	Feb 2 2008	Feb 9 2008	Feb 16 2008	Feb 23 2008	Mar 1 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,862	21,220	21,019	20,896	*20,661	21,592
AR	24,147	23,399	22,526	23,171	*23,908	22,362
DE	5,651	4,889	4,917	4,397	4,104	4,662
FL	1,332	1,384	1,417	1,382	1,317	1,302
GA	29,686	27,937	28,747	28,950	29,129	28,632
KY	5,959	6,069	5,881	6,632	*6,508	6,222
LA	3,627	3,913	4,033	3,606	3,835	3,747
MD	5,725	5,978	6,197	7,291	7,234	6,267
MS	16,482	16,803	17,234	17,136	*17,290	16,945
NC	15,687	16,384	16,153	16,257	16,404	16,322
OK	4,598	4,752	5,171	5,688	5,374	5,675
PA	3,183	3,256	3,289	*3,229	*3,331	3,250
SC	4,860	4,972	4,789	4,243	4,306	5,336
TX	12,812	12,513	*12,930	12,890	12,827	12,970
VA	5,149	5,108	5,010	4,880	4,860	5,142
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,851	*17,483	*17,169	*16,847	*16,841	16,918
19 State Total	*177,611	*176,060	*176,482	*177,495	*177,929	177,344
Previous Year Total	171,642	171,953	170,798	171,611	172,634	173,482
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	103	103	103	102

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