



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 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 8, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 8, 2008. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through March 8, 2008 were 1.78 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					
	Feb 2 2008	Feb 9 2008	Feb 16 2008	Feb 23 2008	Mar 1 2008	Mar 8 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,432	31,879	31,899	31,920	*31,882	32,195
AR	28,592	27,784	28,156	28,455	28,418	28,061
DE	4,095	3,868	3,999	*3,997	*3,982	3,969
FL	1,379	1,379	*1,389	1,369	1,358	1,368
GA	35,895	35,460	35,318	35,314	35,129	35,088
KY	7,802	7,432	*7,371	7,922	8,017	8,019
LA	3,863	3,984	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924
MD	9,025	9,104	9,067	8,975	9,138	8,904
MS	18,826	18,661	*18,722	18,755	18,774	18,865
NC	19,668	19,796	*19,970	19,775	20,142	19,995
OK	6,661	6,305	6,487	6,516	6,451	6,508
PA	4,261	4,295	*4,395	*3,998	*4,179	4,198
SC	5,440	5,714	5,693	5,518	5,800	5,585
TX	*15,678	*15,708	*15,806	15,869	15,948	15,977
VA	6,326	6,341	6,428	6,443	6,443	6,413
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,937	19,561	19,825	20,203	20,231	19,544
19 State Total	*218,880	*217,271	*218,449	*218,953	*219,816	218,613
Previous Year Total	211,617	212,295	214,750	214,659	216,547	215,392
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	102	102	102	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 2 2008	Feb 9 2008	Feb 16 2008	Feb 23 2008	Mar 1 2008	Mar 8 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,220	21,019	*20,895	*20,671	*21,620	21,131
AR	23,399	22,526	23,171	23,908	22,362	24,135
DE	4,889	4,917	4,397	*4,880	*5,668	4,908
FL	1,384	1,417	1,382	1,317	1,302	1,459
GA	27,937	28,747	*29,045	*29,334	*28,745	29,438
KY	6,069	*5,812	*6,563	*6,439	*6,348	5,718
LA	3,913	4,033	3,606	3,835	3,747	3,897
MD	5,978	6,197	7,291	*6,618	*5,271	6,413
MS	16,803	17,234	17,136	17,290	16,945	17,056
NC	16,384	16,153	16,257	16,404	16,322	16,694
OK	4,752	5,171	5,688	5,374	*5,575	5,086
PA	3,256	3,289	*3,233	*3,344	*3,234	3,362
SC	4,972	4,789	4,243	4,306	5,336	3,987
TX	12,513	12,930	12,890	12,827	12,970	13,296
VA	5,108	5,010	4,880	4,860	5,142	4,818
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,483	17,169	16,847	16,841	16,918	17,796
19 State Total	176,060	*176,413	*177,524	*178,248	*177,505	179,194
Previous Year Total	171,953	170,798	171,611	172,634	173,482	174,818
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	103	103	102	103

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