



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 15, 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 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 15, 2008. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through March 15, 2008 were 1.96 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 9 2008	Feb 16 2008	Feb 23 2008	Mar 1 2008	Mar 8 2008	Mar 15 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,879	31,899	*32,024	31,882	32,195	32,497
AR	27,784	28,156	28,455	28,418	28,061	28,100
DE	3,868	3,999	3,997	3,982	3,969	3,960
FL	1,379	1,389	1,369	1,358	1,368	1,369
GA	35,460	35,318	35,314	35,129	35,088	35,245
KY	7,432	7,371	*7,921	8,017	*7,988	7,744
LA	3,984	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924
MD	9,104	9,067	8,975	9,138	8,904	9,097
MS	18,661	18,722	*18,907	18,774	18,865	19,031
NC	19,796	19,970	*19,748	20,142	19,995	20,102
OK	6,305	6,487	6,516	6,451	6,508	6,387
PA	4,295	4,395	3,998	4,179	*4,067	4,338
SC	5,714	5,693	5,518	5,800	5,585	5,735
TX	15,708	15,806	15,869	15,948	15,977	15,695
VA	6,341	6,428	6,443	6,443	6,413	6,080
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,561	*19,855	*20,283	*20,030	*20,084	19,598
19 State Total	217,271	*218,479	*219,261	*219,615	*218,991	218,902
Previous Year Total	212,295	214,750	214,659	216,547	215,392	215,713
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	101	102	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 9 2008	Feb 16 2008	Feb 23 2008	Mar 1 2008	Mar 8 2008	Mar 15 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,019	20,895	20,671	21,620	*21,221	21,768
AR	22,526	23,171	23,908	22,362	24,135	26,128
DE	4,917	4,397	4,880	5,668	*4,939	5,058
FL	1,417	1,382	1,317	1,302	1,459	1,353
GA	28,747	29,045	29,334	28,745	29,438	29,305
KY	5,812	6,563	6,439	6,348	*5,505	6,262
LA	4,033	3,606	3,835	3,747	3,897	3,655
MD	6,197	7,291	6,618	5,271	*6,403	5,836
MS	17,234	17,136	*17,282	16,945	17,056	17,438
NC	16,153	16,257	16,404	16,322	16,694	16,120
OK	5,171	5,688	5,374	5,575	5,086	3,606
PA	3,289	3,233	3,344	3,234	*3,329	3,034
SC	4,789	4,243	4,306	5,336	3,987	4,646
TX	12,930	12,890	12,827	12,970	13,296	13,420
VA	5,010	4,880	4,860	5,142	4,818	5,021
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,169	*16,864	16,841	16,918	*17,866	17,372
19 State Total	176,413	*177,541	*178,240	177,505	*179,129	180,022
Previous Year Total	170,798	171,611	172,634	173,482	174,818	174,417
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	103	102	102	103

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