



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 22, 2008. This was up slightly 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 181 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 22, 2008. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through March 22, 2008 were 2.14 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 16 2008 | Feb 23 2008 | Mar 1 2008 | Mar 8 2008 | Mar 15 2008 | Mar 22 2008 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 31,899 | 32,024 | *31,986 | 32,195 | 32,497 | 32,257 |
| AR | 28,156 | 28,455 | *28,444 | 28,061 | 28,100 | 27,080 |
| DE | 3,999 | 3,997 | 3,982 | 3,969 | 3,960 | 3,983 |
| FL | 1,389 | 1,369 | *1,403 | 1,368 | 1,369 | 1,414 |
| GA | 35,318 | 35,314 | 35,129 | 35,088 | 35,245 | 34,444 |
| KY | 7,371 | *7,926 | 8,017 | 7,988 | 7,744 | 7,812 |
| LA | 3,924 | 3,924 | 3,924 | 3,924 | 3,924 | 3,893 |
| MD | 9,067 | 8,975 | 9,138 | 8,904 | 9,097 | 8,833 |
| MS | 18,722 | 18,907 | 18,774 | 18,865 | 19,031 | 18,802 |
| NC | 19,970 | 19,748 | *19,953 | 19,995 | *20,134 | 20,053 |
| OK | 6,487 | 6,516 | 6,451 | 6,508 | 6,387 | 6,497 |
| PA | 4,395 | 3,998 | 4,179 | *4,130 | *4,457 | 4,205 |
| SC | 5,693 | 5,518 | 5,800 | 5,585 | *5,765 | 5,600 |
| TX | 15,806 | 15,869 | *16,182 | 15,977 | 15,695 | 15,541 |
| VA | 6,428 | 6,443 | 6,443 | 6,413 | 6,080 | 6,621 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | 19,855 | 20,283 | 20,030 | 20,084 | 19,598 | 19,756 |
| 19 State Total | 218,479 | *219,266 | *219,835 | *219,054 | *219,083 | 216,791 |
| Previous Year Total | 214,750 | 214,659 | 216,547 | 215,392 | 215,713 | 215,836 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 102 | 102 | 102 | 102 | 102 | 100 |

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Feb 16 2008 | Feb 23 2008 | Mar 1 2008 | Mar 8 2008 | Mar 15 2008 | Mar 22 2008 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 20,895 | 20,671 | 21,620 | 21,221 | 21,768 | 21,580 |
| AR | 23,171 | 23,908 | 22,362 | 24,135 | 26,128 | 23,625 |
| DE | 4,397 | 4,880 | 5,668 | 4,939 | 5,058 | 5,338 |
| FL | 1,382 | 1,317 | 1,302 | 1,459 | 1,353 | 1,305 |
| GA | 29,045 | 29,334 | 28,745 | 29,438 | 29,305 | 29,686 |
| KY | 6,563 | 6,439 | 6,348 | 5,505 | *6,259 | 6,169 |
| LA | 3,606 | 3,835 | 3,747 | 3,897 | 3,655 | 3,883 |
| MD | 7,291 | 6,618 | 5,271 | 6,403 | 5,836 | 5,745 |
| MS | 17,136 | 17,282 | 16,945 | 17,056 | 17,438 | 17,307 |
| NC | 16,257 | 16,404 | 16,322 | 16,694 | *16,147 | 16,461 |
| OK | 5,688 | 5,374 | 5,575 | 5,086 | 3,606 | 4,613 |
| PA | 3,233 | 3,344 | 3,234 | *3,315 | *3,072 | 3,236 |
| SC | 4,243 | 4,306 | 5,336 | 3,987 | 4,646 | 4,438 |
| TX | 12,890 | 12,827 | 12,970 | 13,296 | 13,420 | 13,695 |
| VA | 4,880 | 4,860 | 5,142 | 4,818 | 5,021 | 5,128 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | 16,864 | 16,841 | 16,918 | 17,866 | 17,372 | 18,752 |
| 19 State Total | 177,541 | 178,240 | 177,505 | *179,115 | *180,084 | 180,961 |
| Previous Year Total | 171,611 | 172,634 | 173,482 | 174,818 | 174,417 | 175,877 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 103 | 103 | 102 | 102 | 103 | 103 |

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