



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 29, 2008. This was down 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 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 29, 2008. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through March 29, 2008 were 2.32 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 23 2008	Mar 1 2008	Mar 8 2008	Mar 15 2008	Mar 22 2008	Mar 29 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,024	31,986	32,195	32,497	32,257	32,396
AR	28,455	28,444	*28,124	28,100	27,080	26,038
DE	3,997	3,982	3,969	3,960	3,983	4,005
FL	1,369	1,403	*1,418	1,369	1,414	1,419
GA	35,314	35,129	35,088	35,245	34,444	34,663
KY	*7,971	*8,079	*7,925	7,744	*7,870	8,127
LA	3,924	*3,847	*3,893	*3,847	3,893	3,984
MD	8,975	9,138	8,904	9,097	8,833	8,956
MS	18,907	18,774	18,865	19,031	18,802	18,863
NC	19,748	19,953	19,995	20,134	*20,080	20,130
OK	6,516	6,451	6,508	6,387	6,497	6,135
PA	3,998	4,179	4,130	4,457	4,205	4,175
SC	5,518	5,800	5,585	5,765	5,600	5,436
TX	15,869	16,182	15,977	15,695	15,541	15,744
VA	6,443	6,443	6,413	6,080	6,621	6,350
CA, MO, TN, & WV	20,283	20,030	*20,366	*19,061	*19,705	20,001
19 State Total	*219,311	*219,820	*219,355	*218,469	*216,825	216,422
Previous Year Total	214,659	216,547	215,392	215,713	215,836	216,641
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	101	100	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 23 2008	Mar 1 2008	Mar 8 2008	Mar 15 2008	Mar 22 2008	Mar 29 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,671	21,620	21,221	21,768	*21,579	22,122
AR	23,908	22,362	24,135	26,128	23,625	23,607
DE	4,880	5,668	4,939	5,058	5,338	5,156
FL	1,317	1,302	1,459	1,353	1,305	1,353
GA	29,334	*28,845	*30,115	*29,386	*29,748	29,035
KY	6,439	6,348	*5,508	*6,271	*6,217	5,952
LA	3,835	3,747	3,897	3,655	3,883	3,730
MD	6,618	5,271	6,403	5,836	5,745	5,652
MS	17,282	16,945	17,056	17,438	17,307	17,276
NC	16,404	16,322	16,694	16,147	*16,344	16,182
OK	5,374	5,575	5,086	3,606	4,613	4,913
PA	3,344	*3,238	*3,317	*3,077	*3,238	3,247
SC	4,306	5,336	3,987	4,646	4,438	4,877
TX	12,827	12,970	13,296	13,420	13,695	13,549
VA	4,860	5,142	4,818	5,021	*5,149	5,448
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,841	16,918	17,866	*17,520	*18,650	18,330
19 State Total	178,240	*177,609	*179,797	*180,330	*180,874	180,429
Previous Year Total	172,634	173,482	174,818	174,417	175,877	175,861
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	103	103	103	103

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