



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 5, 2008. This was down 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 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 5, 2008. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through April 5, 2008 were 2.50 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					
	Mar 1 2008	Mar 8 2008	Mar 15 2008	Mar 22 2008	Mar 29 2008	Apr 5 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,986	32,195	*32,300	32,257	*32,323	32,572
AR	28,444	28,124	28,100	27,080	26,038	26,530
DE	3,982	3,969	3,960	*3,957	*4,065	4,089
FL	1,403	1,418	*1,414	1,414	1,419	1,413
GA	35,129	35,088	35,245	34,444	34,663	34,910
KY	8,079	7,925	*7,899	7,870	8,127	7,851
LA	3,847	3,893	3,847	3,893	3,984	3,937
MD	9,138	8,904	9,097	*8,831	*8,939	9,095
MS	18,774	18,865	19,031	18,802	18,863	18,926
NC	19,953	19,995	*20,190	20,080	*20,119	20,312
OK	6,451	6,508	6,387	6,497	6,135	6,394
PA	4,179	4,130	4,457	*4,294	*4,231	4,307
SC	5,800	5,585	5,765	5,600	5,436	5,501
TX	*16,211	*16,006	*15,686	*15,531	*15,732	15,683
VA	6,443	6,413	6,080	6,621	6,350	6,269
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,011	*20,347	*19,567	*19,743	*19,974	20,028
19 State Total	*219,830	*219,365	*219,025	*216,914	*216,398	217,817
Previous Year Total	216,547	215,392	215,713	215,836	216,641	219,106
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	100	100	99

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 1 2008	Mar 8 2008	Mar 15 2008	Mar 22 2008	Mar 29 2008	Apr 5 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,620	21,221	21,768	21,579	*22,103	21,879
AR	22,362	24,135	26,128	23,625	23,607	23,798
DE	5,668	4,939	5,058	*5,191	*5,203	5,157
FL	1,302	1,459	1,353	1,305	1,353	1,291
GA	28,845	30,115	29,386	29,748	*28,943	28,965
KY	6,348	5,508	6,271	6,217	5,952	6,210
LA	3,747	3,897	3,655	3,883	3,730	3,715
MD	5,271	6,403	5,836	*5,989	*5,561	6,448
MS	16,945	17,056	17,438	17,307	*17,262	17,340
NC	16,322	16,694	16,147	16,344	*16,196	16,072
OK	5,575	5,086	3,606	4,613	4,913	5,173
PA	3,238	3,317	3,077	*3,240	*3,240	3,446
SC	5,336	3,987	4,646	4,438	4,877	5,100
TX	*12,975	*13,320	*13,444	*13,719	*13,573	13,099
VA	5,142	4,818	5,021	5,149	5,448	4,694
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,931	*17,849	*17,503	*18,701	*18,306	17,739
19 State Total	*177,627	*179,804	*180,337	*181,048	*180,267	180,126
Previous Year Total	173,482	174,818	174,417	175,877	175,861	176,469
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	103	103	103	102

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