



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 19, 2008. This was down 2 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 19, 2008. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through April 19, 2008 were 2.86 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 15 2008	Mar 22 2008	Mar 29 2008	Apr 5 2008	Apr 12 2008	Apr 19 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,300	31,727	*32,056	32,574	*31,928	32,075
AR	28,100	27,080	26,038	26,530	*27,171	27,393
DE	3,960	3,957	4,065	4,090	4,027	3,942
FL	1,414	1,414	1,419	1,413	1,413	1,327
GA	35,245	34,426	34,663	34,911	34,137	34,651
KY	7,959	7,718	*8,111	7,909	7,902	7,702
LA	3,847	3,712	*3,712	3,937	3,712	3,712
MD	9,097	8,831	8,939	9,106	8,779	8,995
MS	19,031	19,164	18,863	18,926	19,242	18,877
NC	20,190	20,233	*19,419	20,312	20,370	19,587
OK	6,455	6,497	6,135	6,368	6,580	6,319
PA	4,457	4,294	4,290	4,265	*4,198	4,347
SC	5,765	5,726	5,436	5,501	5,611	5,406
TX	15,686	15,531	15,732	15,683	15,574	15,063
VA	6,080	6,621	6,350	6,269	6,416	6,164
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,567	19,743	19,890	*20,139	*20,224	19,935
19 State Total	219,153	216,674	*215,118	*217,933	*217,284	215,495
Previous Year Total	215,611	215,509	216,513	218,877	219,385	220,515
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	99	100	99	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 15 2008	Mar 22 2008	Mar 29 2008	Apr 5 2008	Apr 12 2008	Apr 19 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,768	21,579	22,103	21,853	*21,311	21,702
AR	26,218	23,727	23,655	23,889	*23,233	21,947
DE	5,058	5,191	5,203	4,902	4,804	4,867
FL	1,353	1,305	1,353	1,291	1,333	1,191
GA	29,386	29,748	28,943	28,899	*28,232	28,810
KY	6,271	6,165	5,929	6,229	*6,054	6,459
LA	3,655	3,883	3,730	3,715	3,726	3,607
MD	5,836	5,989	5,561	6,917	6,095	6,590
MS	17,438	17,307	17,262	17,340	17,375	17,291
NC	16,147	16,344	16,196	16,072	16,658	15,649
OK	3,605	4,613	4,913	5,173	5,632	4,964
PA	3,077	3,240	3,215	3,435	*3,352	3,351
SC	4,646	4,438	4,877	5,159	4,776	4,418
TX	13,444	13,719	13,573	13,109	13,010	13,097
VA	5,021	5,149	5,448	5,069	5,720	5,021
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,503	18,701	18,306	*17,846	*17,035	18,209
19 State Total	180,426	181,098	180,267	*180,898	*178,346	177,173
Previous Year Total	174,791	176,045	176,014	177,141	177,312	177,686
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	102	102	101	100

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