



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 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 26, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 26, 2008. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through April 26, 2008 were 3.03 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 22 2008	Mar 29 2008	Apr 5 2008	Apr 12 2008	Apr 19 2008	Apr 26 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,727	*31,597	*31,799	*31,838	*31,928	32,248
AR	27,080	26,038	*26,966	27,171	*27,408	27,071
DE	3,957	4,065	4,090	4,027	3,942	3,721
FL	1,414	1,419	1,413	1,413	1,327	1,306
GA	34,426	34,663	34,911	34,137	34,651	33,997
KY	7,718	8,111	*8,042	7,902	7,702	7,391
LA	3,712	3,712	3,937	3,712	3,712	3,712
MD	8,831	8,939	9,106	8,779	8,995	8,223
MS	19,164	18,863	18,926	19,242	18,877	18,999
NC	*19,409	19,419	*19,609	*19,589	19,587	19,714
OK	6,497	6,135	6,368	6,580	*6,682	6,252
PA	4,294	4,290	4,265	4,198	*4,349	4,217
SC	5,726	5,436	*5,391	5,611	5,406	5,420
TX	15,531	15,732	15,683	15,574	15,063	15,333
VA	6,621	6,350	6,269	6,416	6,164	6,211
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,743	19,890	20,139	20,224	*20,107	19,413
19 State Total	*215,850	*214,659	*216,914	*216,413	*215,900	213,228
Previous Year Total	215,509	216,513	218,877	219,385	220,515	218,515
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	99	99	98	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 22 2008	Mar 29 2008	Apr 5 2008	Apr 12 2008	Apr 19 2008	Apr 26 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,579	22,103	21,853	*21,303	*21,674	20,738
AR	23,727	23,655	*23,914	23,233	*22,047	23,230
DE	5,191	5,203	4,902	4,804	4,867	4,584
FL	1,305	1,353	1,291	1,333	1,191	1,255
GA	29,748	28,943	28,899	28,232	*28,784	29,038
KY	6,165	5,929	6,229	6,054	*6,589	6,683
LA	3,883	3,730	3,715	3,726	3,607	3,344
MD	5,989	5,561	6,917	6,095	6,590	7,121
MS	17,307	17,262	17,340	17,375	17,291	17,359
NC	16,344	16,196	16,072	*15,997	15,649	16,118
OK	4,613	4,913	5,173	5,632	4,964	5,213
PA	3,240	3,215	3,435	3,352	*3,323	3,340
SC	4,438	4,877	5,159	4,776	4,418	4,434
TX	13,719	13,573	13,109	13,010	13,097	12,719
VA	5,149	5,448	5,069	5,720	5,021	4,767
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,694	*18,309	17,846	17,035	*18,143	18,165
19 State Total	*181,091	*180,270	*180,923	*177,677	*177,255	178,108
Previous Year Total	176,045	176,014	177,141	177,312	177,686	180,188
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	102	100	100	99

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