



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 10, 2008. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 10, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through May 10, 2008 were 3.39 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					
	Apr 5 2008	Apr 12 2008	Apr 19 2008	Apr 26 2008	May 3 2008	May 10 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,799	31,687	*31,966	32,248	31,637	31,858
AR	26,966	27,171	*26,532	27,071	27,317	26,670
DE	4,090	4,027	3,942	3,721	3,721	3,718
FL	1,413	1,413	1,327	1,306	1,346	1,336
GA	34,911	34,137	34,651	33,997	34,630	33,949
KY	8,086	7,899	*7,925	7,391	8,034	8,124
LA	3,937	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,712
MD	9,106	8,779	8,995	8,223	8,812	8,840
MS	18,926	18,879	18,877	18,999	18,266	18,893
NC	19,609	19,617	*19,533	19,604	*19,355	19,679
OK	6,368	6,580	6,682	6,252	6,655	6,822
PA	*4,354	*4,318	*4,400	*4,193	*4,188	4,272
SC	5,391	5,611	*5,554	5,420	5,371	5,491
TX	15,697	15,588	15,076	15,346	14,656	14,846
VA	6,269	6,174	*5,791	6,211	6,369	5,939
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,160	*20,333	*19,966	*19,477	*19,605	19,551
19 State Total	*217,082	*215,925	*214,929	*213,171	*213,674	213,700
Previous Year Total	218,877	219,385	220,515	218,515	218,353	219,938
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	97	98	98	97

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 5 2008	Apr 12 2008	Apr 19 2008	Apr 26 2008	May 3 2008	May 10 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,853	21,303	21,674	20,738	*21,475	21,111
AR	23,914	23,233	22,047	23,316	23,873	22,599
DE	4,902	4,804	4,867	4,584	4,851	5,746
FL	1,291	1,333	1,191	1,255	1,145	1,271
GA	28,995	28,232	28,784	29,038	27,781	28,476
KY	6,229	6,054	6,569	*6,894	*6,730	6,248
LA	3,715	3,726	3,607	3,344	3,784	3,147
MD	6,917	6,095	6,590	7,121	6,258	6,021
MS	17,340	17,375	17,291	17,359	17,060	17,145
NC	16,072	15,997	15,649	16,128	*16,510	16,008
OK	5,173	5,632	4,964	5,213	4,447	5,430
PA	*3,343	*3,346	*3,271	*3,212	*3,244	3,283
SC	5,159	4,776	4,418	4,434	5,151	4,812
TX	13,121	13,022	13,108	12,730	13,324	12,709
VA	5,069	5,720	5,021	4,767	4,860	4,077
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,914	*17,060	*18,201	*18,143	*17,051	18,447
19 State Total	*181,007	*177,708	*177,252	*178,276	*177,544	176,530
Previous Year Total	177,141	177,312	177,686	180,188	180,084	180,594
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	100	100	99	99	98

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