



# 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 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 17, 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 Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 17, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through May 17, 2008 were 3.56 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 12 2008	Apr 19 2008	Apr 26 2008	May 3 2008	May 10 2008	May 17 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,687	31,966	*32,212	31,637	31,858	32,089
AR	27,171	26,532	27,071	27,317	*26,611	27,150
DE	4,027	3,942	3,721	3,721	3,718	3,726
FL	1,413	1,327	*1,331	1,346	1,336	1,331
GA	34,137	34,651	33,997	34,630	*34,053	34,854
KY	7,899	7,925	*7,255	8,034	8,124	8,125
LA	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,650
MD	8,779	8,995	8,223	8,812	8,840	8,791
MS	18,879	18,877	18,999	18,266	18,893	19,060
NC	19,617	19,533	*19,475	19,355	*19,631	19,711
OK	6,580	*6,578	*6,353	6,655	*6,782	6,859
PA	4,318	4,400	4,193	4,188	*4,323	4,266
SC	5,611	5,554	5,420	5,371	5,491	5,718
TX	15,588	15,076	15,346	14,656	14,846	15,477
VA	6,174	5,791	6,211	6,369	5,939	6,427
CA, MO, TN, & WV	20,333	19,966	*19,700	*19,641	*19,640	20,205
19 State Total	215,925	*214,825	*213,219	*213,710	*213,797	217,439
Previous Year Total	219,385	220,515	218,515	218,353	219,938	219,928
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	97	98	98	97	99

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 12 2008	Apr 19 2008	Apr 26 2008	May 3 2008	May 10 2008	May 17 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,303	21,674	20,738	21,475	21,111	21,200
AR	23,233	22,047	23,316	23,873	*22,589	22,624
DE	4,804	4,867	4,584	4,851	5,746	4,625
FL	1,333	1,191	1,255	1,145	1,271	1,138
GA	28,232	28,784	29,038	27,781	*28,571	28,094
KY	*5,953	*6,467	*6,793	6,730	6,248	5,434
LA	3,726	3,607	3,344	3,784	3,147	3,634
MD	6,095	6,590	7,121	6,258	6,021	5,337
MS	17,375	17,291	17,359	17,060	17,145	17,383
NC	15,997	15,649	16,128	16,510	*16,014	16,120
OK	5,632	4,964	5,213	4,447	5,430	5,395
PA	*3,352	*3,277	*3,254	*3,243	*3,272	3,318
SC	4,776	4,418	4,434	5,151	4,812	4,997
TX	13,022	13,108	12,730	13,324	12,709	12,859
VA	5,720	5,021	4,767	4,860	4,077	5,302
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,060	18,201	18,143	*17,050	*18,442	18,014
19 State Total	*177,613	*177,156	*178,217	*177,542	*176,605	175,474
Previous Year Total	177,312	177,686	180,188	180,084	180,594	178,545
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	99	99	98	98

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