



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 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 31, 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 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 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 31, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through May 31, 2008 were 3.92 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 26 2008	May 3 2008	May 10 2008	May 17 2008	May 24 2008	May 31 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,212	31,637	31,858	32,089	*31,905	32,156
AR	27,071	27,317	26,611	27,150	27,244	27,138
DE	3,721	3,721	3,718	3,728	3,717	3,721
FL	1,331	1,346	1,336	1,331	1,336	1,346
GA	*34,021	34,630	*34,041	34,854	*34,509	34,004
KY	*7,249	*8,102	*8,159	8,125	*8,213	8,154
LA	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,650	3,682	3,620
MD	8,223	8,812	8,840	8,796	8,771	8,601
MS	18,999	18,266	18,893	19,060	18,948	18,981
NC	19,475	19,314	*19,740	19,711	*19,587	19,577
OK	*6,791	*7,215	*7,446	*7,399	*7,301	7,204
PA	4,193	4,231	*4,232	*4,405	*4,442	4,523
SC	5,420	5,371	5,491	5,718	5,556	5,490
TX	15,346	14,656	14,846	15,477	15,495	15,609
VA	6,211	6,444	5,939	6,429	6,257	6,242
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,700	19,641	19,640	*19,889	*19,723	20,114
19 State Total	*213,675	*214,415	*214,502	*217,811	*216,686	216,480
Previous Year Total	218,515	218,353	219,938	219,928	219,527	218,990
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	98	99	99	99

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 26 2008	May 3 2008	May 10 2008	May 17 2008	May 24 2008	May 31 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,738	21,475	21,111	21,200	*21,782	20,382
AR	*23,338	*23,995	*22,615	*22,940	*25,035	23,736
DE	4,584	4,851	5,746	4,321	4,949	5,206
FL	1,255	1,145	1,271	1,138	1,136	1,383
GA	29,038	27,781	28,571	28,094	*28,981	28,628
KY	6,793	6,730	6,246	*5,431	*6,177	6,117
LA	3,344	3,784	3,147	3,634	3,474	3,683
MD	7,121	6,258	6,021	5,712	6,008	5,602
MS	17,359	17,060	17,145	17,383	*16,614	17,259
NC	16,128	16,510	16,014	16,120	*16,087	16,076
OK	*5,214	*4,445	5,430	5,136	*3,883	4,608
PA	3,254	3,234	*3,262	*3,254	*3,261	3,220
SC	4,434	5,151	4,812	4,997	4,618	4,756
TX	12,730	13,324	12,709	12,859	12,535	12,424
VA	4,767	4,948	4,077	5,113	4,976	4,858
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,143	17,050	18,442	18,014	*17,271	17,632
19 State Total	*178,240	*177,741	*176,619	*175,346	*176,787	175,570
Previous Year Total	180,188	180,084	180,594	178,545	179,069	180,055
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	98	98	99	98

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