



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 9, 2008. This was down 5 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 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 9, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through August 9, 2008 were 5.68 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					
	Jul 5 2008	Jul 12 2008	Jul 19 2008	Jul 26 2008	Aug 2 2008	Aug 9 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,252	30,699	*30,988	*30,737	*29,630	29,855
AR	26,069	26,089	26,250	25,387	*24,958	24,844
DE	3,573	3,624	3,629	3,589	3,657	3,644
FL	1,376	1,351	*1,323	1,226	1,271	1,306
GA	32,622	34,007	33,591	33,274	32,701	32,918
KY	7,929	7,922	*8,051	*7,983	7,974	7,739
LA	3,651	3,651	3,621	3,621	3,470	3,470
MD	8,618	8,852	8,762	8,919	8,763	8,841
MS	18,772	18,891	*18,732	18,560	18,561	18,598
NC	18,266	18,159	*18,615	19,360	18,985	19,071
OK	6,845	7,293	*6,947	7,060	6,863	6,829
PA	4,316	4,384	4,511	4,492	4,410	4,469
SC	5,348	5,380	5,659	5,494	5,528	5,309
TX	15,706	15,615	*15,633	14,993	14,632	15,034
VA	6,099	6,075	6,328	6,388	6,250	6,250
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,173	*19,475	*18,980	*18,894	*19,198	18,986
19 State Total	*207,615	*211,467	*211,620	*209,977	*206,851	207,163
Previous Year Total	216,018	218,175	216,979	217,989	216,255	217,312
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	97	98	96	96	95

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 5 2008	Jul 12 2008	Jul 19 2008	Jul 26 2008	Aug 2 2008	Aug 9 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,476	21,456	21,112	*20,686	*21,021	21,457
AR	23,052	22,289	23,028	22,469	*23,314	22,061
DE	4,213	4,594	4,388	3,949	4,497	4,952
FL	1,315	1,160	1,227	1,180	1,282	1,134
GA	28,617	27,742	27,913	27,048	28,161	27,818
KY	*6,371	*5,918	*5,390	*6,420	5,912	6,115
LA	3,456	3,543	3,465	3,572	3,359	3,757
MD	6,083	5,922	5,454	5,851	6,316	5,551
MS	16,882	16,718	16,553	16,717	*16,826	16,845
NC	15,683	15,980	15,849	15,295	15,021	15,566
OK	4,512	6,113	5,103	4,919	3,910	5,028
PA	3,385	3,436	3,406	3,219	3,344	3,367
SC	4,726	5,027	4,737	4,624	4,819	4,789
TX	13,408	13,414	12,350	13,214	13,080	13,113
VA	4,739	5,355	5,407	5,449	4,557	5,080
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,123	*16,680	*17,059	*16,367	*17,506	16,821
19 State Total	*175,041	*175,347	*172,441	*170,979	*172,925	173,454
Previous Year Total	178,318	177,496	172,031	176,538	179,654	177,691
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	100	97	96	98

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