



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 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 30, 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 30, 2008. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through August 30, 2008 were 6.19 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 26 2008	Aug 2 2008	Aug 9 2008	Aug 16 2008	Aug 23 2008	Aug 30 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,737	29,539	29,855	29,846	29,694	29,948
AR	25,591	25,143	*25,107	24,608	*24,742	24,697
DE	3,653	3,657	3,644	3,631	3,543	3,506
FL	1,231	1,281	*1,326	1,316	1,306	1,326
GA	33,274	32,840	*33,473	32,590	*32,794	32,905
KY	7,968	7,927	*7,723	7,790	7,741	7,339
LA	3,621	3,470	3,470	3,470	3,501	3,478
MD	8,919	8,900	8,811	8,871	8,738	8,696
MS	18,560	18,561	18,598	18,160	18,428	17,853
NC	19,294	18,810	*18,890	*18,943	18,856	19,021
OK	6,855	7,063	*6,477	6,998	*7,076	7,117
PA	4,492	4,339	*4,028	4,002	*3,850	4,255
SC	5,494	5,528	5,309	5,645	5,735	5,844
TX	14,993	14,632	15,034	15,489	15,498	14,935
VA	6,388	6,250	6,250	6,325	6,313	6,249
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,894	19,198	*18,951	18,904	*18,901	18,248
19 State Total	209,964	207,138	*206,946	*206,588	*206,716	205,417
Previous Year Total	217,989	216,255	217,312	216,594	215,662	215,502
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	96	95	95	96	95

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 26 2008	Aug 2 2008	Aug 9 2008	Aug 16 2008	Aug 23 2008	Aug 30 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,686	21,021	21,452	21,432	20,609	20,485
AR	22,469	23,314	21,884	23,301	*22,221	21,874
DE	3,949	4,497	4,959	5,213	4,874	4,760
FL	1,180	1,282	1,134	1,032	1,124	1,197
GA	27,048	28,161	27,630	27,560	*27,700	27,233
KY	6,420	5,911	6,105	6,512	6,222	6,358
LA	3,572	3,359	3,757	3,269	3,659	3,394
MD	5,851	6,316	5,555	5,933	5,987	6,226
MS	16,717	16,826	16,845	16,815	16,632	16,751
NC	15,295	15,021	15,566	15,741	*15,620	15,872
OK	4,919	3,910	*5,154	3,618	*4,539	4,830
PA	*3,226	*3,328	*3,390	*3,414	*3,207	3,056
SC	4,624	4,819	4,789	4,676	4,333	4,624
TX	13,214	13,080	13,113	12,493	12,318	12,556
VA	5,449	4,557	5,080	5,283	5,592	4,525
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,367	17,506	16,756	16,896	*16,162	15,977
19 State Total	*170,986	*172,908	*173,169	*173,188	*170,799	169,718
Previous Year Total	176,538	179,654	177,691	178,515	177,243	176,942
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	96	97	97	96	96

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