



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 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 6, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 6, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through September 6, 2008 were 6.36 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 2 2008	Aug 9 2008	Aug 16 2008	Aug 23 2008	Aug 30 2008	Sep 6 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,539	29,855	*29,922	29,694	*29,951	29,747
AR	25,143	25,107	24,608	24,742	24,697	24,277
DE	3,657	3,644	3,631	*3,544	*3,494	3,479
FL	1,281	1,326	*1,346	1,306	1,326	1,326
GA	32,840	33,473	*32,822	32,794	*32,860	32,032
KY	*7,912	*7,683	*7,744	7,741	7,339	7,428
LA	3,470	3,470	3,470	3,501	*3,501	3,501
MD	8,900	8,811	8,871	8,738	8,696	7,578
MS	18,561	18,598	18,160	18,428	17,853	17,666
NC	18,810	18,890	*18,797	18,856	*19,011	18,546
OK	7,063	6,477	*7,168	7,076	*7,122	6,920
PA	4,339	4,028	4,002	3,850	*4,366	4,037
SC	5,528	5,309	5,645	5,735	5,844	5,208
TX	*14,633	*15,035	*15,486	*15,494	*14,932	15,290
VA	6,250	6,250	6,325	6,313	6,249	6,294
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,198	18,951	18,904	*18,873	*17,991	18,497
19 State Total	*207,124	*206,907	*206,901	*206,685	*205,232	201,826
Previous Year Total	216,255	217,312	216,594	215,662	215,502	208,821
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	95	96	96	95	97

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 2 2008	Aug 9 2008	Aug 16 2008	Aug 23 2008	Aug 30 2008	Sep 6 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,021	21,452	21,432	20,609	*20,496	21,185
AR	23,314	21,884	23,301	22,221	*21,575	22,340
DE	4,497	4,959	5,213	*4,978	*5,131	4,977
FL	1,282	1,134	1,032	1,124	*1,278	1,051
GA	28,161	27,630	27,560	27,700	*27,317	26,821
KY	5,911	6,105	6,512	*6,219	*6,345	6,517
LA	3,359	3,757	3,269	3,659	*3,521	3,243
MD	6,316	5,555	5,933	*5,897	*5,950	5,519
MS	16,826	16,845	16,815	16,632	16,751	16,258
NC	15,021	15,566	15,741	15,620	*15,883	15,655
OK	3,910	5,154	3,618	4,539	*5,076	5,050
PA	3,328	3,390	3,414	3,207	*3,131	3,102
SC	4,819	4,789	4,676	4,333	4,624	5,130
TX	13,080	*13,114	*12,494	*12,319	*12,557	12,941
VA	4,557	5,080	5,283	5,592	4,525	4,720
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,506	16,756	16,896	*16,181	*15,991	15,352
19 State Total	172,908	*173,170	*173,189	*170,830	*170,151	169,861
Previous Year Total	179,654	177,691	178,515	177,243	176,942	175,893
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	97	97	96	96	97

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