



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 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 13, 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 13, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through September 13, 2008 were 6.53 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 9 2008	Aug 16 2008	Aug 23 2008	Aug 30 2008	Sep 6 2008	Sep 13 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,855	29,922	*29,752	29,951	*29,746	29,036
AR	25,107	24,608	24,742	24,697	*24,479	23,930
DE	3,644	3,631	3,544	3,494	3,479	3,310
FL	1,326	1,346	1,306	1,326	1,326	1,151
GA	33,473	32,822	32,794	32,860	32,032	30,895
KY	7,683	7,744	*7,711	*7,378	*7,452	7,651
LA	3,470	3,470	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,501
MD	8,811	8,871	8,738	8,696	7,578	7,894
MS	18,598	18,160	18,428	17,853	17,666	17,770
NC	*19,050	*18,967	*18,968	19,011	18,546	17,695
OK	6,477	7,168	*6,940	7,122	6,920	7,018
PA	4,028	4,002	3,850	*4,396	4,037	4,041
SC	5,309	5,645	5,735	5,844	5,208	5,709
TX	*15,039	*15,466	*15,475	*14,913	*15,271	15,224
VA	6,250	6,325	6,313	6,249	6,294	6,021
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,912	*18,852	*18,816	*17,882	*18,230	17,961
19 State Total	*207,032	*206,999	*206,613	*205,173	*201,765	198,807
Previous Year Total	217,312	216,594	215,662	215,502	208,821	205,863
Pct. of Prev. Year	95	96	96	95	97	97

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 9 2008	Aug 16 2008	Aug 23 2008	Aug 30 2008	Sep 6 2008	Sep 13 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,452	21,432	20,609	20,496	*21,188	21,212
AR	21,884	23,301	22,221	21,575	*22,352	21,644
DE	4,959	5,213	4,978	5,131	4,977	4,870
FL	1,134	1,032	1,124	1,278	1,051	1,004
GA	27,630	27,560	27,700	27,317	26,821	27,100
KY	*6,127	*6,533	*6,240	*6,708	*6,811	6,509
LA	3,757	3,269	3,659	3,521	3,243	3,425
MD	5,555	5,933	5,897	5,950	5,519	6,117
MS	16,845	16,815	16,632	16,751	16,258	16,576
NC	15,566	15,741	15,620	15,883	15,655	15,817
OK	5,154	3,618	4,539	5,076	5,050	5,478
PA	3,390	3,414	3,207	*3,128	3,102	3,065
SC	4,789	4,676	4,333	4,624	5,130	4,548
TX	*13,116	*12,497	*12,322	*12,560	*12,925	13,007
VA	5,080	5,283	5,592	4,525	4,720	4,657
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,776	*16,860	*16,264	*15,638	*15,056	15,272
19 State Total	*173,214	*173,177	*170,937	*170,161	*169,858	170,301
Previous Year Total	177,691	178,515	177,243	176,942	175,893	175,527
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	97	96	96	97	97

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