



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 8 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 20, 2008. This was down 8 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 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 20, 2008. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through September 20, 2008 were 6.70 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 16 2008	Aug 23 2008	Aug 30 2008	Sep 6 2008	Sep 13 2008	Sep 20 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,922	*29,744	*29,920	29,746	*28,812	28,833
AR	24,608	24,742	24,697	24,479	23,930	23,057
DE	3,631	3,544	3,494	3,479	3,310	3,257
FL	1,346	1,306	*1,306	1,326	1,151	1,091
GA	32,822	*32,909	32,860	32,032	30,895	30,930
KY	7,744	7,711	*7,656	7,452	*7,640	7,496
LA	3,470	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,501
MD	8,871	8,738	8,696	7,578	7,894	7,825
MS	18,160	18,428	17,853	17,666	17,770	17,912
NC	18,967	18,968	*19,130	18,546	17,695	18,231
OK	7,168	6,940	*6,969	6,920	7,018	6,893
PA	4,002	3,850	4,396	*4,082	*4,028	3,919
SC	5,645	5,735	5,844	5,208	5,709	5,755
TX	15,466	15,475	14,913	15,271	*15,094	13,312
VA	6,325	6,313	6,249	6,294	6,021	5,779
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,852	18,816	*17,444	18,230	*17,842	17,281
19 State Total	206,999	*206,720	*204,928	*201,810	*198,310	195,072
Previous Year Total	216,594	215,662	215,502	208,821	205,863	212,015
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	96	95	97	96	92

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 16 2008	Aug 23 2008	Aug 30 2008	Sep 6 2008	Sep 13 2008	Sep 20 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,432	20,609	20,496	21,188	21,212	20,194
AR	23,301	22,221	21,575	22,352	*21,646	24,137
DE	5,213	4,978	5,131	4,977	4,870	4,722
FL	1,032	1,124	1,278	1,051	1,004	1,010
GA	27,560	27,700	27,317	26,821	27,100	26,583
KY	6,533	6,240	6,708	6,811	*6,314	5,530
LA	3,269	3,659	3,521	3,243	3,425	3,431
MD	5,933	5,897	5,950	5,519	6,117	5,239
MS	16,815	16,632	16,751	16,258	16,576	16,007
NC	15,741	15,620	15,883	15,655	15,817	15,623
OK	3,618	4,539	5,076	5,050	5,478	3,400
PA	3,414	3,207	3,128	*3,083	*3,101	3,278
SC	4,676	4,333	4,624	5,130	*4,541	5,023
TX	12,497	12,322	12,560	12,925	*13,006	12,490
VA	5,283	5,592	4,525	4,720	4,657	5,643
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,860	*16,204	15,638	15,056	*15,726	15,744
19 State Total	173,177	*170,877	170,161	*169,839	*170,590	168,054
Previous Year Total	178,515	177,243	176,942	175,893	175,527	175,642
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	96	96	97	97	96

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