



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 27, 2008. This was down 4 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 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 27, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through September 27, 2008 were 6.87 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 23 2008	Aug 30 2008	Sep 6 2008	Sep 13 2008	Sep 20 2008	Sep 27 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,744	29,920	*29,707	28,812	28,833	29,424
AR	24,742	24,697	*24,259	23,930	*23,055	23,882
DE	3,544	3,494	3,479	3,310	3,257	3,255
FL	1,306	1,306	1,326	1,151	1,091	1,229
GA	32,909	32,860	*32,439	30,895	30,930	31,746
KY	*7,709	*7,628	*7,378	7,640	7,496	7,792
LA	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,183
MD	8,738	8,696	7,578	7,894	7,825	8,760
MS	18,428	17,853	*17,333	17,770	17,912	16,780
NC	18,968	19,130	*18,487	17,695	*18,225	18,311
OK	6,940	6,969	*7,021	7,018	6,893	6,783
PA	3,850	4,396	4,082	*4,058	*3,569	3,986
SC	5,735	5,844	5,208	5,709	5,755	5,249
TX	15,475	14,913	15,271	15,094	13,312	14,011
VA	6,313	6,249	6,294	6,021	5,779	6,140
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,824	*17,434	*18,220	*17,833	*17,271	18,266
19 State Total	*206,726	*204,890	*201,583	*198,331	*194,704	198,797
Previous Year Total	215,662	215,502	208,821	205,863	212,015	207,513
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	95	97	96	92	96

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 23 2008	Aug 30 2008	Sep 6 2008	Sep 13 2008	Sep 20 2008	Sep 27 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,609	20,496	21,188	21,212	20,194	20,466
AR	22,221	21,575	22,352	21,646	*24,134	22,051
DE	4,978	5,131	4,977	4,870	4,722	4,295
FL	1,124	1,278	1,051	1,004	1,010	980
GA	27,700	27,317	26,821	27,100	26,583	26,615
KY	6,240	6,708	*6,810	*6,307	*5,526	6,034
LA	3,659	3,521	3,243	3,425	3,431	3,260
MD	5,897	5,950	5,519	6,117	5,239	5,025
MS	16,632	16,751	16,258	16,576	16,007	15,503
NC	15,620	15,883	15,655	15,817	*15,628	14,652
OK	4,539	5,076	5,050	5,478	3,400	5,080
PA	3,207	3,128	3,083	*3,094	*3,291	3,270
SC	4,333	4,624	5,130	4,541	5,023	5,132
TX	12,322	12,560	12,925	13,006	12,490	12,781
VA	5,592	4,525	4,720	4,657	5,643	5,374
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,183	*15,640	*15,059	*15,737	*15,737	15,268
19 State Total	*170,856	*170,163	*169,841	*170,587	*168,058	165,786
Previous Year Total	177,243	176,942	175,893	175,527	175,642	171,244
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	96	97	97	96	97

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