



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 191 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 18, 2008. This was down 6 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 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 18, 2008. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through October 18, 2008 were 7.35 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 13 2008	Sep 20 2008	Sep 27 2008	Oct 4 2008	Oct 11 2008	Oct 18 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,812	28,226	*28,749	27,732	27,403	27,081
AR	23,956	23,132	*24,133	21,817	*23,722	23,536
DE	3,310	3,257	3,255	3,417	3,294	3,189
FL	1,191	1,151	1,229	1,229	1,151	1,165
GA	30,895	31,070	*32,187	29,759	*30,650	29,525
KY	7,611	*6,631	*7,844	6,798	*7,420	7,315
LA	3,501	3,501	3,183	3,501	3,470	3,152
MD	7,894	7,825	8,760	7,556	7,877	7,964
MS	17,770	18,290	*15,909	16,698	17,573	16,295
NC	17,360	17,731	*18,397	16,891	16,849	17,758
OK	7,242	7,045	*7,049	6,512	6,942	6,954
PA	4,058	3,569	3,959	*4,034	*4,210	3,962
SC	5,709	5,755	*5,403	4,693	5,359	5,527
TX	14,644	13,298	13,997	14,406	14,714	14,101
VA	6,021	5,779	6,140	5,691	6,156	5,815
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,876	17,288	18,519	17,698	*18,220	18,072
19 State Total	197,850	*193,548	*198,713	*188,432	*195,010	191,411
Previous Year Total	205,863	212,015	207,513	213,532	208,741	202,695
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	91	96	88	93	94

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 13 2008	Sep 20 2008	Sep 27 2008	Oct 4 2008	Oct 11 2008	Oct 18 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,212	20,194	20,458	*19,911	18,917	20,140
AR	21,646	24,134	22,051	20,901	*20,824	21,727
DE	4,870	4,722	4,295	3,865	4,233	4,927
FL	1,004	1,010	980	1,033	1,020	1,043
GA	27,100	26,583	26,557	25,898	*26,012	26,370
KY	6,293	5,513	6,020	5,873	*5,130	6,275
LA	3,425	3,431	3,260	3,215	3,204	3,253
MD	6,117	5,239	5,025	5,683	5,126	5,115
MS	16,576	16,007	15,503	15,753	16,258	13,969
NC	15,817	15,628	14,652	14,321	14,592	14,746
OK	5,478	3,400	5,080	5,433	3,715	5,381
PA	3,094	3,291	3,260	*3,450	*2,902	3,129
SC	4,541	5,023	5,131	4,518	4,986	5,077
TX	13,021	12,505	12,796	12,333	11,183	11,832
VA	4,657	5,643	5,374	5,009	5,007	5,267
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,765	15,743	15,284	15,398	*16,913	14,940
19 State Total	170,616	168,066	165,726	*162,594	*160,022	163,191
Previous Year Total	175,527	175,642	171,244	168,385	173,217	169,336
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	96	97	97	92	96

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