



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 190 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 25, 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 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 12 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 154 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 25, 2008. Placements were down 12 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through October 25, 2008 were 7.51 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 20 2008	Sep 27 2008	Oct 4 2008	Oct 11 2008	Oct 18 2008	Oct 25 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,226	28,749	*27,445	27,403	27,081	27,211
AR	23,132	24,133	21,817	23,722	*22,236	22,096
DE	3,257	3,255	3,417	3,294	3,189	3,048
FL	1,151	1,229	1,229	1,151	1,165	1,227
GA	31,070	32,187	*29,784	30,650	29,525	29,302
KY	6,631	*7,891	*7,129	7,420	*7,182	7,397
LA	3,501	3,183	*3,073	3,470	3,152	2,740
MD	7,825	8,760	7,556	7,877	7,964	8,560
MS	18,290	15,909	16,698	17,573	16,295	16,829
NC	17,731	18,397	*16,954	16,849	17,758	18,227
OK	7,045	7,049	*6,913	6,942	6,954	6,973
PA	3,569	3,959	4,034	4,210	*3,590	3,727
SC	5,755	5,403	4,693	5,359	5,527	5,526
TX	13,298	13,997	14,406	14,714	14,101	13,800
VA	5,779	6,140	5,691	6,156	5,815	6,013
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,288	18,519	*17,742	18,220	*17,831	17,676
19 State Total	193,548	*198,760	*188,581	195,010	*189,365	190,352
Previous Year Total	212,015	207,513	213,532	208,741	202,695	201,890
Pct. of Prev. Year	91	96	88	93	93	94

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 20 2008	Sep 27 2008	Oct 4 2008	Oct 11 2008	Oct 18 2008	Oct 25 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,194	20,458	19,911	*18,916	20,140	19,224
AR	24,134	22,051	20,901	20,824	*21,236	19,683
DE	4,722	4,295	3,865	4,233	4,927	4,389
FL	1,010	980	1,033	1,020	1,043	1,035
GA	26,583	26,557	25,898	26,012	26,370	24,488
KY	5,513	6,020	5,873	5,130	*6,321	5,589
LA	3,431	3,260	*3,082	3,204	3,253	3,078
MD	5,239	5,025	5,683	5,126	5,115	4,754
MS	16,007	15,503	15,753	16,258	13,969	14,501
NC	15,628	14,652	14,321	14,592	14,746	14,111
OK	3,400	5,080	5,433	3,715	5,381	4,752
PA	3,291	3,260	3,450	2,902	*3,082	3,169
SC	5,023	5,131	4,518	4,986	5,077	4,045
TX	12,505	12,796	12,333	11,183	11,832	12,117
VA	5,643	5,374	5,009	5,007	5,267	4,310
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,743	15,284	15,398	16,913	14,940	15,252
19 State Total	168,066	165,726	*162,461	*160,021	*162,699	154,497
Previous Year Total	175,642	171,244	168,385	173,217	169,336	174,787
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	97	96	92	96	88

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