



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 10 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 185 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 1, 2008. This was down 10 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 7 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 158 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 1, 2008. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through November 1, 2008 were 7.66 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 27 2008	Oct 4 2008	Oct 11 2008	Oct 18 2008	Oct 25 2008	Nov 1 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,749	27,445	*27,587	27,081	27,211	25,754
AR	24,133	21,817	23,722	22,236	22,096	21,763
DE	3,255	3,417	3,294	3,189	3,048	2,966
FL	1,229	1,229	*1,221	1,165	*1,150	1,243
GA	32,187	29,784	*30,336	29,525	29,302	28,773
KY	7,891	7,129	*7,267	7,182	7,397	7,282
LA	3,183	3,073	3,470	3,152	2,740	3,314
MD	8,760	7,556	7,877	7,964	8,560	8,351
MS	15,909	16,698	*17,225	16,295	16,829	15,440
NC	18,397	16,954	*16,896	17,758	18,227	18,022
OK	7,049	6,913	*7,340	6,954	6,973	6,734
PA	3,959	4,034	4,210	*3,085	*3,417	3,765
SC	5,403	*4,578	5,359	5,527	5,526	5,126
TX	*14,001	*14,410	*14,871	*14,098	*13,798	13,089
VA	6,140	5,691	6,156	5,815	6,013	5,742
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,519	17,742	*18,109	17,831	*17,689	17,980
19 State Total	*198,764	*188,470	*194,940	*188,857	*189,976	185,344
Previous Year Total	207,513	213,532	208,741	202,695	201,890	205,754
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	88	93	93	94	90

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 27 2008	Oct 4 2008	Oct 11 2008	Oct 18 2008	Oct 25 2008	Nov 1 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,458	19,911	18,916	20,140	19,224	19,192
AR	22,051	20,901	20,824	21,236	19,683	21,212
DE	4,295	3,865	4,233	4,927	4,389	4,160
FL	980	1,033	1,020	1,043	1,035	931
GA	26,557	25,898	26,012	26,370	*24,490	25,240
KY	6,020	5,873	5,130	6,321	5,589	5,905
LA	3,260	3,082	3,204	3,253	3,078	3,032
MD	5,025	5,683	5,126	5,115	4,754	5,604
MS	15,503	15,753	16,258	13,969	14,501	15,134
NC	14,652	14,321	14,592	14,746	14,111	13,869
OK	5,080	5,433	3,715	5,381	4,752	4,639
PA	3,260	3,450	2,902	*3,087	*3,192	3,302
SC	5,131	4,518	4,986	5,077	4,045	4,387
TX	12,796	*12,337	*11,187	*11,835	*12,120	12,575
VA	5,374	5,009	5,007	5,267	4,310	4,462
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,284	15,398	16,913	14,940	*15,256	14,801
19 State Total	165,726	*162,465	*160,025	*162,707	*154,529	158,445
Previous Year Total	171,244	168,385	173,217	169,336	174,787	171,270
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	96	92	96	88	93

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