



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 11 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 193 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 8, 2008. This was down 11 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 7 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 155 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 8, 2008. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through November 8, 2008 were 7.82 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					
	Oct 4 2008	Oct 11 2008	Oct 18 2008	Oct 25 2008	Nov 1 2008	Nov 8 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,445	27,587	*27,511	27,211	25,754	26,219
AR	21,817	23,722	*23,521	22,096	21,763	23,396
DE	3,417	3,294	3,189	3,048	2,966	2,996
FL	1,229	1,221	1,165	1,150	1,243	1,226
GA	29,784	30,336	*28,723	29,302	*28,292	29,250
KY	*7,116	*7,172	*6,538	7,397	7,282	7,034
LA	3,073	3,470	3,152	2,740	3,314	3,440
MD	7,556	7,877	7,964	8,560	8,351	8,610
MS	16,698	17,225	16,295	16,829	15,440	17,941
NC	16,954	16,896	*17,726	18,227	18,022	18,096
OK	6,913	7,340	*6,953	6,973	*6,727	6,846
PA	4,034	4,210	3,085	*3,265	*3,744	3,589
SC	4,578	5,359	5,527	5,526	5,126	5,426
TX	*14,412	*14,873	*14,106	*13,805	*13,097	15,310
VA	5,691	6,156	5,815	6,013	5,742	5,186
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,732	*18,119	*17,845	*17,703	*17,994	18,436
19 State Total	*188,449	*194,857	*189,115	*189,845	*184,857	193,001
Previous Year Total	213,532	208,741	202,695	201,890	205,754	217,195
Pct. of Prev. Year	88	93	93	94	90	89

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 4 2008	Oct 11 2008	Oct 18 2008	Oct 25 2008	Nov 1 2008	Nov 8 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,911	18,916	20,140	19,224	19,192	19,554
AR	20,901	20,824	21,236	19,683	21,212	21,622
DE	3,865	4,233	4,927	4,389	4,160	4,264
FL	1,033	1,020	1,043	1,035	931	880
GA	25,898	26,012	26,370	24,490	*25,262	23,627
KY	*5,830	*5,087	*6,278	*5,545	*6,026	5,355
LA	3,082	3,204	3,253	3,078	3,032	2,988
MD	5,683	5,126	5,115	4,754	5,604	5,443
MS	15,753	16,258	13,969	14,501	15,134	14,372
NC	14,321	14,592	14,746	14,111	13,869	14,509
OK	5,433	3,715	5,381	4,752	*4,665	3,960
PA	3,450	2,902	3,087	*3,114	*3,300	2,480
SC	4,518	4,986	5,077	4,045	4,387	4,658
TX	*12,338	*11,188	*11,837	*12,122	*12,577	11,977
VA	5,009	5,007	5,267	4,310	4,462	4,516
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,398	*16,989	*14,972	15,256	14,801	15,078
19 State Total	*162,423	*160,059	*162,698	*154,409	*158,614	155,283
Previous Year Total	168,385	173,217	169,336	174,787	171,270	167,073
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	92	96	88	93	93

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