



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 8 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 29, 2008. This was down 8 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 10 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 159 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 29, 2008. Placements were down 10 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through November 29, 2008 were 8.29 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 25 2008	Nov 1 2008	Nov 8 2008	Nov 15 2008	Nov 22 2008	Nov 29 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,342	25,864	*26,439	28,324	*29,439	29,322
AR	22,096	22,047	*23,111	24,856	24,943	24,550
DE	3,048	2,966	3,118	3,375	3,370	3,274
FL	1,150	1,278	*1,276	1,229	1,242	1,244
GA	29,961	28,621	*28,892	31,090	*31,166	31,565
KY	7,289	*7,255	*7,193	7,648	*7,725	7,892
LA	2,740	3,470	*3,183	3,440	3,307	3,419
MD	8,560	8,351	8,610	8,428	8,959	8,675
MS	16,829	15,440	17,941	17,629	17,400	17,851
NC	18,495	18,484	*18,597	18,252	18,670	18,639
OK	7,148	6,661	*6,834	7,180	*6,687	7,035
PA	3,265	3,803	3,700	4,041	*4,232	4,003
SC	5,526	5,126	5,426	5,761	5,443	5,817
TX	13,805	13,097	15,310	15,017	15,300	15,281
VA	6,013	5,500	5,186	5,448	6,185	5,448
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,063	*18,043	*18,510	*19,259	*19,109	19,272
19 State Total	*191,330	*186,006	*193,326	*200,977	*203,177	203,287
Previous Year Total	201,890	205,754	217,195	215,925	219,089	221,543
Pct. of Prev. Year	95	90	89	93	93	92

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 25 2008	Nov 1 2008	Nov 8 2008	Nov 15 2008	Nov 22 2008	Nov 29 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,224	19,192	19,587	18,550	*18,125	18,394
AR	19,683	21,212	21,622	19,499	*20,357	20,408
DE	4,389	4,160	4,120	3,973	3,919	4,682
FL	1,035	931	880	880	987	1,083
GA	24,490	25,262	23,620	25,109	*23,818	24,084
KY	5,545	6,026	5,355	5,687	*5,771	5,787
LA	3,078	3,032	2,988	2,818	3,257	2,939
MD	4,754	5,604	5,443	5,284	5,744	5,472
MS	14,501	15,134	14,488	15,169	13,611	15,893
NC	14,111	13,869	14,519	14,932	15,002	14,769
OK	4,752	4,665	3,960	4,187	*4,444	4,499
PA	3,114	3,308	2,533	2,637	*3,063	2,973
SC	4,045	4,387	4,658	5,051	*4,733	4,892
TX	12,122	12,577	11,977	11,758	11,094	12,980
VA	4,310	4,454	4,516	5,001	4,220	3,891
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,238	*14,953	*15,067	*15,607	14,313	16,003
19 State Total	*154,391	*158,766	*155,333	*156,142	*152,458	158,749
Previous Year Total	174,787	171,270	167,073	163,792	168,349	177,182
Pct. of Prev. Year	88	93	93	95	91	90

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