



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 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 6, 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 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 6, 2008. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through December 6, 2008 were 8.45 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 1 2008	Nov 8 2008	Nov 15 2008	Nov 22 2008	Nov 29 2008	Dec 6 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	25,864	*26,196	*28,744	29,439	29,322	29,257
AR	22,047	23,111	*25,038	24,943	*24,458	23,637
DE	2,966	3,118	3,375	3,370	*3,272	3,319
FL	1,278	1,276	*1,269	1,242	1,244	1,241
GA	28,621	28,892	31,090	31,166	31,565	30,896
KY	7,255	*7,278	*7,531	7,725	*7,984	7,785
LA	3,470	3,183	3,440	3,307	3,419	3,440
MD	8,351	8,610	8,428	8,959	8,675	8,672
MS	15,440	17,941	17,629	17,400	17,851	17,840
NC	18,484	18,597	*18,191	18,670	18,639	18,312
OK	6,661	6,834	*7,108	6,687	7,035	6,716
PA	3,803	3,700	4,041	4,232	*4,166	4,058
SC	5,126	5,426	5,761	5,443	5,817	5,409
TX	13,097	15,310	15,017	15,300	15,281	15,282
VA	5,500	5,186	*6,174	6,185	5,448	5,961
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,016	*18,524	*19,250	*19,100	*19,030	19,429
19 State Total	*185,979	*193,182	*202,086	*203,168	*203,206	201,254
Previous Year Total	205,754	217,195	215,925	219,089	221,543	214,382
Pct. of Prev. Year	90	89	94	93	92	94

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 1 2008	Nov 8 2008	Nov 15 2008	Nov 22 2008	Nov 29 2008	Dec 6 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,192	19,587	18,550	18,125	18,394	20,246
AR	21,212	21,622	19,499	20,357	*20,401	22,294
DE	4,160	4,120	3,973	3,919	*4,546	4,656
FL	931	880	880	987	1,083	996
GA	25,262	23,620	25,109	23,818	*24,104	25,738
KY	6,026	5,355	5,687	5,771	*5,629	5,982
LA	3,032	2,988	2,818	3,257	2,939	3,398
MD	5,604	5,443	5,284	5,744	*5,774	4,768
MS	15,134	14,488	15,169	13,611	15,893	15,707
NC	13,869	14,519	14,932	15,002	*15,555	15,493
OK	4,665	3,960	4,187	4,444	4,499	3,727
PA	3,308	2,533	2,637	3,063	*2,976	3,177
SC	4,387	4,658	5,051	4,733	4,892	4,529
TX	12,577	11,977	11,758	11,094	12,980	12,755
VA	4,454	4,516	*5,015	4,220	3,891	5,636
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,953	*15,046	*15,590	*14,300	*15,986	16,984
19 State Total	158,766	*155,312	*156,139	*152,445	*159,542	166,086
Previous Year Total	171,270	167,073	163,792	168,349	177,182	175,854
Pct. of Prev. Year	93	93	95	91	90	94

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