



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 7 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 13, 2008. This was down 7 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 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 13, 2008. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through December 13, 2008 were 8.62 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 8 2008	Nov 15 2008	Nov 22 2008	Nov 29 2008	Dec 6 2008	Dec 13 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,196	28,744	29,439	*29,186	*29,121	29,448
AR	23,111	25,038	*24,891	24,458	*23,357	24,769
DE	3,118	3,375	3,370	3,272	*3,314	3,274
FL	1,276	1,269	*1,282	1,244	1,241	1,256
GA	28,892	31,090	*31,989	31,565	*31,191	32,385
KY	*7,179	*7,608	*7,914	7,984	7,785	7,538
LA	3,183	3,440	3,307	3,419	3,440	3,307
MD	8,610	8,428	8,959	8,675	8,672	8,512
MS	17,941	17,629	17,400	17,851	17,840	17,621
NC	18,597	18,191	*18,572	18,639	18,312	19,008
OK	6,834	7,108	*6,285	7,035	*6,556	6,795
PA	3,700	4,041	4,232	*4,276	*4,159	4,134
SC	5,426	5,761	5,443	5,817	5,409	5,570
TX	*15,317	*15,013	*15,297	*15,277	*15,278	14,174
VA	5,186	6,174	6,185	5,448	5,961	6,149
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,524	19,250	19,100	19,030	*19,423	18,882
19 State Total	*193,090	*202,159	*203,665	*203,176	*201,059	202,822
Previous Year Total	217,195	215,925	219,089	221,543	214,382	217,613
Pct. of Prev. Year	89	94	93	92	94	93

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 8 2008	Nov 15 2008	Nov 22 2008	Nov 29 2008	Dec 6 2008	Dec 13 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,587	18,550	18,125	18,394	*20,151	20,849
AR	21,622	19,499	20,357	20,401	*22,298	21,173
DE	4,120	3,973	3,919	4,546	*4,593	4,305
FL	880	880	987	1,083	996	987
GA	23,620	25,109	23,818	24,104	*25,808	26,457
KY	*5,318	*5,650	*5,734	*5,587	*5,972	6,388
LA	2,988	2,818	3,257	2,939	3,398	3,326
MD	5,443	5,284	5,744	5,774	*4,913	6,094
MS	14,488	15,169	13,611	15,893	15,707	15,672
NC	14,519	14,932	15,002	*15,622	*15,494	15,274
OK	3,960	4,187	*5,120	4,499	3,727	4,465
PA	2,533	2,637	3,063	*3,009	*3,197	3,378
SC	4,658	5,051	4,733	4,892	4,529	4,818
TX	*11,983	*11,764	*11,100	*12,986	*12,752	12,922
VA	4,516	5,015	4,220	3,891	5,636	5,225
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,046	15,590	14,300	15,986	*16,963	16,677
19 State Total	*155,281	*156,108	*153,090	*159,606	*166,134	168,010
Previous Year Total	167,073	163,792	168,349	177,182	175,854	178,626
Pct. of Prev. Year	93	95	91	90	94	94

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