



# 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 27, 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 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 27, 2008. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through December 27, 2008 were 8.96 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 22 2008	Nov 29 2008	Dec 6 2008	Dec 13 2008	Dec 20 2008	Dec 27 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,439	29,100	*29,107	29,448	*28,700	28,941
AR	24,891	24,692	*24,330	24,769	24,266	24,244
DE	3,370	3,272	3,314	*3,338	*3,358	3,259
FL	1,282	1,284	1,241	1,256	1,013	963
GA	31,989	32,495	*31,381	32,448	32,749	32,669
KY	7,914	7,984	*7,769	7,538	*7,867	7,512
LA	3,307	3,419	3,424	3,424	3,424	3,411
MD	8,959	8,675	8,672	8,512	8,911	8,749
MS	17,400	17,478	*17,405	17,621	17,194	17,372
NC	18,572	18,811	*18,321	19,008	18,739	18,581
OK	6,285	6,937	*6,328	6,795	6,922	6,835
PA	4,232	4,276	4,159	4,346	*4,281	3,801
SC	5,443	5,817	5,409	5,570	5,485	5,673
TX	15,297	15,277	15,278	15,265	15,286	15,485
VA	6,185	6,193	5,961	6,149	5,964	5,958
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,100	19,030	18,680	19,007	*19,655	19,248
19 State Total	203,665	204,740	*200,779	*204,494	*203,814	202,701
Previous Year Total	219,089	221,543	214,382	217,613	218,612	218,815
Pct. of Prev. Year	93	92	94	94	93	93

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 22 2008	Nov 29 2008	Dec 6 2008	Dec 13 2008	Dec 20 2008	Dec 27 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	18,125	18,394	20,151	20,849	*19,908	19,878
AR	20,357	20,401	22,298	21,173	20,812	20,716
DE	3,919	4,546	4,593	*4,183	*4,940	4,460
FL	987	1,083	996	987	1,220	1,103
GA	23,818	24,104	25,808	26,559	27,123	26,376
KY	5,734	5,587	5,972	6,388	*6,028	6,041
LA	3,257	2,939	3,398	3,326	3,228	3,287
MD	5,744	5,774	4,913	*6,215	*5,288	5,747
MS	13,611	15,718	15,707	15,672	15,501	15,463
NC	15,002	15,622	15,494	15,274	*15,805	15,379
OK	4,444	4,499	3,727	4,465	5,545	5,258
PA	3,063	3,009	3,197	3,218	*3,339	3,332
SC	4,733	4,892	4,529	4,818	5,058	5,071
TX	11,100	12,986	12,752	12,922	12,990	12,824
VA	4,220	3,891	5,636	5,225	4,952	4,515
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,300	15,986	17,024	16,624	*16,608	16,187
19 State Total	152,414	159,431	166,195	*167,898	*168,345	165,637
Previous Year Total	168,349	177,182	175,854	178,626	179,381	175,417
Pct. of Prev. Year	91	90	95	94	94	94

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