

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 January 3, 2009. 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 3, 2009. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through January 3, 2009 were 9.12 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 29 2008	Dec 6 2008	Dec 13 2008	Dec 20 2008	Dec 27 2008	Jan 3 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,100	29,107	*29,339	28,700	28,941	28,949
AR	24,692	24,330	*25,115	24,266	*24,366	24,538
DE	3,272	3,314	3,338	3,358	*3,244	3,353
FL	1,284	1,241	*1,271	1,013	963	963
GA	32,495	31,381	*32,540	*32,778	32,669	32,528
KY	7,984	7,769	7,538	7,867	7,512	7,848
LA	3,419	3,424	3,424	3,424	3,411	3,424
MD	8,675	8,672	8,512	8,911	8,749	8,613
MS	17,478	17,405	*17,500	17,194	17,372	17,491
NC	18,811	18,321	*19,012	18,739	18,581	18,744
OK	6,937	6,328	*6,816	6,922	*6,839	6,639
PA	4,276	4,159	4,346	4,281	*3,732	3,918
SC	5,817	5,409	*5,566	5,485	5,673	5,555
TX	15,277	15,278	15,265	*15,290	*15,490	15,503
VA	6,193	5,961	*6,218	5,964	5,958	5,969
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,030	18,680	*19,333	*19,328	*19,160	18,534
19 State Total	204,740	200,779	*205,133	*203,520	*202,660	202,569
Previous Year Total	221,543	214,382	217,613	218,612	218,815	217,209
Pct. of Prev. Year	92	94	94	93	93	93

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 29 2008	Dec 6 2008	Dec 13 2008	Dec 20 2008	Dec 27 2008	Jan 3 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	18,394	20,151	20,849	19,908	*19,864	19,962
AR	20,401	22,298	21,173	20,812	*20,734	21,908
DE	4,546	4,593	4,183	4,940	*4,221	4,373
FL	1,083	996	987	*1,060	1,103	978
GA	*24,128	25,808	26,559	27,123	26,376	27,612
KY	5,587	5,972	6,388	6,028	6,041	5,843
LA	2,939	3,398	3,326	3,228	3,287	3,388
MD	5,774	4,913	6,215	5,288	*5,970	6,088
MS	15,718	15,707	15,672	15,501	15,463	15,583
NC	15,622	15,494	15,274	15,805	15,379	15,833
OK	4,499	3,727	4,465	5,545	5,258	4,143
PA	3,009	3,197	3,218	3,339	*3,383	3,376
SC	4,892	4,529	4,818	5,058	5,071	4,423
TX	12,986	12,752	12,922	12,990	*12,839	12,958
VA	3,891	5,636	5,225	4,952	4,515	4,660
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,986	17,024	16,624	16,608	*16,730	17,534
19 State Total	*159,455	166,195	167,898	*168,185	*166,234	168,662
Previous Year Total	177,182	175,854	178,626	179,381	175,417	177,800
Pct. of Prev. Year	90	95	94	94	95	95

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