



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 9 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 31, 2009. This was down 9 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 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 31, 2009. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through January 31, 2009 were 838 million, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 27 2008	Jan 3 2009	Jan 10 2009	Jan 17 2009	Jan 24 2009	Jan 31 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,941	28,964	28,919	28,914	29,216	28,765
AR	24,249	24,227	*23,721	24,526	*24,590	24,578
DE	3,244	3,358	3,358	3,345	3,332	3,417
FL	1,008	1,028	*1,028	962	999	1,016
GA	32,669	32,528	*32,954	*32,876	33,154	32,317
KY	*7,346	*7,922	*7,471	7,674	7,663	6,723
LA	3,411	3,424	3,424	3,454	3,454	3,454
MD	8,749	8,613	8,719	8,946	8,156	8,484
MS	17,372	17,491	17,401	17,362	16,926	17,190
NC	18,716	18,762	*18,701	18,420	18,985	18,544
OK	6,696	6,603	*6,307	6,755	*6,645	6,724
PA	3,732	3,742	*3,849	4,036	*3,859	3,861
SC	5,673	5,555	5,697	6,032	5,272	5,792
TX	15,490	15,503	15,342	15,081	15,383	14,735
VA	5,958	5,969	5,849	5,880	5,505	5,385
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,119	*19,043	*19,225	*19,352	*18,519	17,883
19 State Total	*202,373	*202,732	*201,965	*203,615	*201,658	198,868
Previous Year Total	218,815	217,209	215,444	216,467	217,697	218,880
Pct. of Prev. Year	92	93	94	94	93	91

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 27 2008	Jan 3 2009	Jan 10 2009	Jan 17 2009	Jan 24 2009	Jan 31 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,864	19,933	20,312	*19,895	*19,290	19,404
AR	20,734	21,908	22,969	22,583	*20,709	20,008
DE	4,221	4,633	4,869	4,743	4,502	4,547
FL	1,050	978	798	763	864	898
GA	26,376	27,662	27,503	27,218	27,720	28,258
KY	6,010	5,842	*6,606	*6,495	*6,322	4,505
LA	3,287	3,388	3,400	3,391	3,247	3,622
MD	5,970	5,850	6,069	6,236	5,880	6,199
MS	15,463	15,583	15,472	15,594	*16,346	16,271
NC	15,377	15,834	*15,348	*15,624	*15,287	15,536
OK	5,258	4,143	3,633	3,792	*4,502	4,393
PA	3,383	3,377	*3,269	3,030	*2,963	2,980
SC	5,071	4,423	4,676	5,435	4,533	4,604
TX	12,842	12,961	13,113	13,277	13,255	13,161
VA	4,515	4,660	4,476	4,235	4,752	4,656
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,808	*17,494	*15,689	*15,429	*17,019	17,571
19 State Total	*166,229	*168,669	*168,202	*167,740	*167,191	166,613
Previous Year Total	175,417	177,800	178,512	178,783	177,611	176,060
Pct. of Prev. Year	95	95	94	94	94	95

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