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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 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 14, 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 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 14, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through February 14, 2009 were 1.24 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 10 2009	Jan 17 2009	Jan 24 2009	Jan 31 2009	Feb 7 2009	Feb 14 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,919	28,914	29,216	28,765	29,023	29,489
AR	23,721	24,526	24,590	24,442	24,710	24,656
DE	3,358	3,345	3,332	3,417	3,480	3,304
FL	1,028	1,022	999	1,016	1,027	1,021
GA	32,954	32,876	33,154	32,317	*32,527	32,747
KY	*7,424	*7,889	*7,789	6,723	*7,429	7,885
LA	3,424	3,454	3,454	3,454	3,470	3,470
MD	8,719	8,946	8,156	8,484	8,095	8,779
MS	17,401	17,362	16,926	17,190	17,475	17,692
NC	18,701	18,337	*18,997	18,272	18,549	18,353
OK	6,307	6,813	*6,454	6,724	6,777	6,850
PA	3,849	4,036	3,859	*3,939	*3,829	3,894
SC	5,697	6,032	5,272	5,792	5,719	5,589
TX	15,350	15,092	15,394	14,745	15,443	15,526
VA	5,849	5,880	5,505	5,385	5,535	5,749
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,142	19,290	18,457	17,780	*18,850	18,507
19 State Total	*201,843	*203,814	*201,554	*198,445	*201,938	203,511
Previous Year Total	215,444	216,467	217,697	218,880	217,271	218,479
Pct. of Prev. Year	94	94	93	91	93	93

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 10 2009	Jan 17 2009	Jan 24 2009	Jan 31 2009	Feb 7 2009	Feb 14 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,312	19,895	19,290	19,404	*19,762	20,291
AR	22,969	22,583	20,709	20,068	21,546	21,679
DE	4,869	4,743	4,502	4,547	4,580	3,975
FL	798	763	864	898	778	852
GA	27,503	27,218	27,720	28,258	*27,161	28,120
KY	6,634	6,523	6,349	*4,497	*6,032	6,533
LA	3,400	3,391	3,247	3,622	3,224	3,031
MD	6,069	6,236	5,880	6,199	6,159	5,083
MS	15,472	15,594	16,346	16,271	16,300	15,631
NC	15,348	15,624	*15,327	*15,559	*15,082	15,200
OK	3,633	3,792	4,502	4,393	4,453	4,549
PA	3,269	3,030	2,963	*3,032	*3,030	3,062
SC	4,676	5,435	4,533	4,604	5,650	4,765
TX	13,120	13,284	13,262	13,167	13,033	13,197
VA	4,476	4,235	4,752	4,656	4,631	5,289
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,696	15,381	17,023	17,514	*16,538	15,405
19 State Total	168,244	167,727	*167,269	*166,689	*167,959	166,662
Previous Year Total	178,512	178,783	177,611	176,060	176,413	177,543
Pct. of Prev. Year	94	94	94	95	95	94

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