



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 21, 2009. This was down 6 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 8 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 21, 2009. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through February 21, 2009 were 1.42 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 17 2009 | Jan 24 2009 | Jan 31 2009 | Feb 7 2009 | Feb 14 2009 | Feb 21 2009 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 28,914 | 29,216 | *28,901 | 29,023 | 29,489 | 29,086 |
| AR | 24,526 | 24,590 | *24,416 | 24,710 | *24,737 | 24,980 |
| DE | 3,345 | 3,332 | 3,417 | 3,480 | 3,304 | 3,502 |
| FL | 1,022 | 999 | 1,016 | 1,027 | 1,021 | 1,020 |
| GA | 32,876 | 33,154 | 32,317 | 32,527 | *32,711 | 32,818 |
| KY | 7,889 | *7,881 | *6,605 | 7,429 | 7,885 | 7,167 |
| LA | 3,454 | 3,454 | 3,454 | 3,470 | 3,470 | 3,470 |
| MD | 8,946 | 8,156 | 8,484 | 8,095 | 8,779 | 8,866 |
| MS | 17,362 | 16,926 | 17,190 | 17,475 | 17,692 | 17,891 |
| NC | 18,337 | 18,997 | *18,468 | 18,549 | 18,353 | 18,863 |
| OK | 6,813 | 6,454 | *6,749 | 6,777 | 6,850 | 6,772 |
| PA | 4,036 | 3,859 | 3,939 | *3,810 | *3,745 | 4,135 |
| SC | 6,032 | 5,272 | 5,792 | 5,719 | 5,589 | 5,789 |
| TX | 15,092 | 15,394 | 14,745 | 15,443 | 15,526 | 15,530 |
| VA | 5,880 | 5,505 | 5,385 | 5,535 | 5,749 | 5,943 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | *19,282 | *18,485 | *17,665 | *18,843 | *18,517 | 19,454 |
| 19 State Total | *203,806 | *201,674 | *198,543 | *201,912 | *203,417 | 205,286 |
| Previous Year Total | 216,467 | 217,697 | 218,880 | 217,271 | 218,479 | 219,311 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 94 | 93 | 91 | 93 | 93 | 94 |

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Jan 17 2009 | Jan 24 2009 | Jan 31 2009 | Feb 7 2009 | Feb 14 2009 | Feb 21 2009 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 19,895 | 19,290 | 19,404 | 19,762 | 20,291 | 20,348 |
| AR | 22,583 | 20,709 | 20,068 | 21,546 | *21,696 | 21,053 |
| DE | 4,743 | 4,502 | 4,547 | 4,580 | 3,975 | 4,533 |
| FL | 763 | 864 | 898 | 778 | 852 | 741 |
| GA | 27,218 | 27,720 | 28,258 | 27,161 | *27,936 | 26,910 |
| KY | 6,523 | 6,349 | 4,497 | 6,032 | *6,523 | 4,478 |
| LA | 3,391 | 3,247 | 3,622 | 3,224 | 3,031 | 3,655 |
| MD | 6,236 | 5,880 | 6,199 | 6,159 | 5,083 | 5,321 |
| MS | 15,594 | 16,346 | 16,271 | 16,300 | 15,631 | 15,655 |
| NC | 15,624 | 15,327 | 15,559 | 15,082 | *15,292 | 15,523 |
| OK | 3,792 | 4,502 | 4,393 | 4,453 | 4,549 | 4,783 |
| PA | 3,030 | 2,963 | 3,032 | *3,054 | *3,079 | 3,082 |
| SC | 5,435 | 4,533 | 4,604 | 5,650 | 4,765 | 4,543 |
| TX | 13,284 | 13,262 | 13,167 | 13,033 | 13,197 | 12,638 |
| VA | 4,235 | 4,752 | 4,656 | 4,631 | 5,289 | 4,512 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | 15,381 | *17,223 | 17,514 | 16,538 | *15,415 | 15,493 |
| 19 State Total | 167,727 | *167,469 | 166,689 | *167,983 | *166,604 | 163,268 |
| Previous Year Total | 178,783 | 177,611 | 176,060 | 176,413 | 177,543 | 178,240 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 94 | 94 | 95 | 95 | 94 | 92 |

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