



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 March 7, 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 7 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 7, 2009. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through March 7, 2009 were 1.67 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 31 2009	Feb 7 2009	Feb 14 2009	Feb 21 2009	Feb 28 2009	Mar 7 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,765	29,023	*29,635	29,086	*29,265	28,876
AR	24,416	24,710	*24,642	24,980	*24,969	24,543
DE	3,417	3,480	3,304	3,466	3,703	3,525
FL	1,016	1,027	1,021	1,020	1,008	1,005
GA	32,317	32,527	32,711	32,818	33,109	32,643
KY	6,605	*7,299	*7,832	7,167	7,795	7,830
LA	3,454	3,470	3,470	3,470	3,470	2,230
MD	8,484	8,095	8,779	8,866	9,047	8,851
MS	17,190	17,475	17,692	17,891	17,894	18,035
NC	18,468	18,607	*18,218	18,863	18,762	18,882
OK	6,749	6,814	*6,939	6,834	6,772	6,891
PA	3,939	3,810	3,565	*4,190	*4,168	3,918
SC	5,792	5,719	5,589	5,789	5,628	5,436
TX	*14,781	*15,457	*15,555	*15,558	*15,624	15,622
VA	5,385	5,535	5,749	5,943	5,939	5,954
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,639	*18,830	*18,093	*19,269	*19,716	19,087
19 State Total	*198,417	*201,878	*202,794	*205,210	*206,869	203,328
Previous Year Total	218,880	217,271	218,479	219,311	219,830	219,337
Pct. of Prev. Year	91	93	93	94	94	93

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 31 2009	Feb 7 2009	Feb 14 2009	Feb 21 2009	Feb 28 2009	Mar 7 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,404	19,762	20,291	*20,365	20,080	20,946
AR	20,068	21,546	21,696	21,320	*21,596	20,959
DE	4,547	4,580	3,975	4,656	4,655	5,154
FL	898	778	852	741	741	741
GA	28,258	27,161	28,180	26,910	26,341	26,427
KY	4,497	6,032	6,523	4,478	*5,838	6,855
LA	3,622	3,224	3,031	3,655	3,331	3,240
MD	6,199	6,159	5,083	5,217	5,307	5,063
MS	16,271	16,300	15,631	15,655	16,135	16,579
NC	15,559	15,082	15,292	15,507	*15,443	15,024
OK	4,393	4,453	4,549	4,529	4,783	5,373
PA	3,032	3,054	3,093	*3,121	*3,111	2,786
SC	4,604	5,650	4,765	4,543	5,664	4,844
TX	*13,156	*13,045	*13,208	*12,650	*13,189	13,336
VA	4,656	4,631	5,289	4,512	4,303	4,885
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,506	*16,541	*15,563	*15,496	*16,188	15,349
19 State Total	*166,670	*167,998	*167,021	*163,355	*166,705	167,561
Previous Year Total	176,060	176,413	177,543	178,240	177,627	179,798
Pct. of Prev. Year	95	95	94	92	94	93

* Revised