

# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 8 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 21, 2009. This was down 8 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 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 21, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through March 21, 2009 were 2.01 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					
	Feb 14 2009	Feb 21 2009	Feb 28 2009	Mar 7 2009	Mar 14 2009	Mar 21 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,635	28,950	*29,426	28,891	28,575	29,734
AR	24,642	24,943	*25,098	24,558	23,551	22,783
DE	3,304	3,466	3,703	3,558	3,525	3,454
FL	1,021	995	*973	1,005	987	970
GA	32,711	32,818	33,109	*31,724	*31,779	30,699
KY	7,832	7,178	*7,961	7,830	7,452	7,780
LA	3,470	3,470	3,470	2,230	2,230	2,230
MD	8,779	8,866	9,047	8,851	9,204	8,572
MS	17,692	17,891	17,894	18,035	18,129	17,779
NC	18,218	*18,382	*18,527	18,882	19,218	18,967
OK	6,939	6,726	*6,408	6,888	6,752	6,649
PA	3,565	4,190	4,168	*4,148	*4,057	4,032
SC	5,589	5,789	5,628	5,436	5,941	5,805
TX	15,555	15,558	15,624	15,622	15,417	14,864
VA	5,749	5,943	5,939	5,954	*5,969	5,989
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,116	*19,292	*19,739	*19,128	*19,242	19,211
19 State Total	*202,817	*204,457	*206,714	*202,740	*202,028	199,518
Previous Year Total	218,479	219,311	219,830	219,337	219,153	215,850
Pct. of Prev. Year	93	93	94	92	92	92

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 14 2009	Feb 21 2009	Feb 28 2009	Mar 7 2009	Mar 14 2009	Mar 21 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,291	20,365	20,085	20,962	*19,791	19,798
AR	21,696	21,320	21,596	20,983	22,082	22,095
DE	3,975	4,656	4,655	4,846	4,517	5,014
FL	852	741	741	741	724	704
GA	28,180	26,910	26,289	26,442	27,577	28,238
KY	6,543	4,498	5,993	6,720	6,129	6,732
LA	3,031	3,655	3,331	3,240	3,196	3,465
MD	5,083	5,217	5,307	5,364	*6,158	6,640
MS	15,631	15,655	16,135	16,579	16,793	16,762
NC	15,292	15,507	15,443	15,024	15,048	15,383
OK	4,549	4,529	*4,470	5,373	4,282	3,999
PA	3,093	3,121	3,111	*2,796	*3,250	3,242
SC	4,765	4,543	5,664	4,844	4,659	4,602
TX	13,208	12,640	13,189	13,336	13,285	13,287
VA	5,289	4,512	4,303	4,885	*4,873	4,308
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,561	*15,562	*16,183	*15,371	*16,942	16,784
19 State Total	*167,039	*163,431	*166,495	*167,506	*169,306	171,053
Previous Year Total	177,543	178,240	177,627	179,798	180,426	181,091
Pct. of Prev. Year	94	92	94	93	94	94

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