



# 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 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 28, 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 8 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 28, 2009. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through March 28, 2009 were 2.18 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 21 2009	Feb 28 2009	Mar 7 2009	Mar 14 2009	Mar 21 2009	Mar 28 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	*29,096	*29,572	*28,928	28,575	*29,720	29,389
AR	24,943	25,098	*23,538	23,551	*22,773	23,120
DE	3,466	3,703	3,558	3,525	3,454	3,559
FL	995	973	*975	987	970	980
GA	32,818	33,109	*31,715	31,779	30,699	31,392
KY	7,178	7,961	*7,782	7,452	7,780	7,827
LA	3,470	3,470	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230
MD	8,866	9,047	8,851	9,204	8,572	8,910
MS	17,891	17,894	18,035	18,129	17,779	17,624
NC	18,382	18,527	*19,105	*19,128	*19,011	18,798
OK	6,726	6,408	*6,963	6,752	*6,653	6,834
PA	4,190	4,168	4,148	4,057	*3,983	3,979
SC	5,789	5,628	5,436	5,941	5,805	5,431
TX	15,558	15,624	15,622	15,417	14,864	15,428
VA	5,943	5,939	*6,062	5,969	5,989	6,073
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,292	19,739	19,128	*19,012	*19,449	18,647
19 State Total	*204,603	*206,860	*202,076	*201,708	*199,731	200,221
Previous Year Total	219,311	219,830	219,337	219,153	215,850	214,627
Pct. of Prev. Year	93	94	92	92	93	93

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 21 2009	Feb 28 2009	Mar 7 2009	Mar 14 2009	Mar 21 2009	Mar 28 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,365	20,085	20,962	*19,912	*19,951	19,999
AR	21,320	21,596	20,983	22,082	*22,138	20,525
DE	4,656	4,655	4,846	4,517	5,014	4,592
FL	741	741	741	724	704	703
GA	26,910	26,289	26,442	27,577	28,238	26,685
KY	4,498	5,993	6,720	6,129	6,732	6,348
LA	3,655	3,331	3,240	3,196	3,465	1,909
MD	5,217	5,307	5,364	6,158	6,640	6,519
MS	15,655	16,135	16,579	16,793	16,762	16,648
NC	15,507	15,443	15,024	*15,062	*15,462	15,458
OK	4,529	4,470	5,373	4,282	*3,292	4,615
PA	3,121	3,111	2,796	3,250	*3,274	3,198
SC	4,543	5,664	4,844	4,659	4,602	4,500
TX	12,640	13,189	13,336	13,285	13,287	13,265
VA	4,512	4,303	4,885	4,873	4,308	4,607
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,562	16,183	15,371	16,942	*16,791	17,043
19 State Total	163,431	166,495	167,506	*169,441	*170,660	166,614
Previous Year Total	178,240	177,627	179,798	180,426	181,091	180,372
Pct. of Prev. Year	92	94	93	94	94	92

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