



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 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 4, 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 7 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 4, 2009. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through April 4, 2009 were 2.35 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 28 2009	Mar 7 2009	Mar 14 2009	Mar 21 2009	Mar 28 2009	Apr 4 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	*29,630	*29,162	*28,809	*29,954	*29,563	29,562
AR	25,098	23,538	*23,680	22,773	23,120	23,990
DE	3,703	3,558	3,525	3,454	3,559	3,469
FL	973	975	*982	970	980	946
GA	33,109	31,715	*31,979	30,699	31,392	31,735
KY	*7,790	*7,619	*7,849	*7,719	*7,839	7,621
LA	3,470	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230
MD	9,047	8,851	9,204	8,572	8,910	9,053
MS	17,894	18,035	*18,280	17,779	17,624	17,870
NC	18,527	19,105	*19,241	19,011	18,798	19,075
OK	6,408	6,963	*6,546	6,653	*6,747	6,949
PA	4,168	4,148	4,057	*3,804	*3,856	3,975
SC	5,628	5,436	5,941	5,805	5,431	5,799
TX	*15,641	*15,638	*15,544	*15,383	*15,394	15,329
VA	5,939	6,062	*6,178	5,989	*6,170	6,179
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,728	*19,110	*19,001	*19,443	*18,551	19,797
19 State Total	*206,753	*202,145	*203,046	*200,238	*200,164	203,579
Previous Year Total	219,830	219,337	219,153	215,850	214,627	217,082
Pct. of Prev. Year	94	92	93	93	93	94

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 28 2009	Mar 7 2009	Mar 14 2009	Mar 21 2009	Mar 28 2009	Apr 4 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,085	*20,959	*19,961	*20,008	*20,203	19,932
AR	21,596	20,983	22,082	22,138	20,525	21,941
DE	4,655	4,846	4,517	5,014	*4,872	5,211
FL	741	741	724	704	703	707
GA	26,289	26,442	27,577	28,238	*26,760	27,232
KY	5,993	*6,735	*6,144	*7,019	*6,460	5,877
LA	3,331	3,240	3,196	3,465	1,909	1,901
MD	5,307	5,364	6,158	6,640	*6,267	6,088
MS	16,135	16,579	16,793	16,762	*16,724	17,067
NC	15,443	15,024	15,062	15,462	15,458	15,964
OK	4,470	5,373	4,282	3,292	*4,616	4,069
PA	3,111	2,796	3,250	*3,263	*3,183	3,177
SC	5,664	4,844	4,659	4,602	4,500	4,359
TX	13,189	*13,350	*13,299	*13,301	*13,278	13,285
VA	4,303	4,885	4,873	4,308	4,607	4,764
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,183	*15,365	16,942	*16,377	*16,962	17,401
19 State Total	166,495	*167,526	*169,519	*170,593	*167,027	168,975
Previous Year Total	177,627	179,798	180,426	181,091	180,372	181,007
Pct. of Prev. Year	94	93	94	94	93	93

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