



# 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 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 18, 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 85 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 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 18, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through April 18, 2009 were 2.68 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					
	Mar 14 2009	Mar 21 2009	Mar 28 2009	Apr 4 2009	Apr 11 2009	Apr 18 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,809	30,024	*29,633	29,562	*29,892	30,114
AR	23,680	23,279	23,120	23,992	23,415	23,986
DE	3,525	3,454	3,559	3,469	*3,580	3,585
FL	982	977	*995	946	956	979
GA	31,979	30,699	31,392	31,706	31,801	30,783
KY	7,849	7,522	*7,939	7,650	7,599	7,822
LA	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230
MD	9,204	8,572	8,910	9,053	9,169	9,160
MS	18,280	17,779	17,624	17,870	17,750	17,622
NC	19,241	*19,103	*18,628	19,075	*18,915	19,033
OK	6,546	6,841	*6,921	6,949	6,885	6,793
PA	4,057	3,804	3,695	3,919	*3,931	3,981
SC	5,941	5,805	5,431	5,799	5,624	5,538
TX	15,544	14,830	15,394	15,329	14,959	15,324
VA	6,178	5,989	6,170	6,179	6,158	6,179
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,027	19,469	*18,190	*19,906	*19,978	19,560
19 State Total	203,072	*200,377	*199,831	*203,634	*202,842	202,689
Previous Year Total	219,153	215,850	214,627	217,082	215,925	214,822
Pct. of Prev. Year	93	93	93	94	94	94

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 14 2009	Mar 21 2009	Mar 28 2009	Apr 4 2009	Apr 11 2009	Apr 18 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,961	20,008	20,203	19,932	*20,917	20,393
AR	22,082	22,138	20,525	21,990	20,771	20,573
DE	4,517	5,014	4,872	5,211	*4,473	4,370
FL	724	704	703	707	707	726
GA	27,577	28,238	26,760	27,251	*25,635	26,003
KY	6,144	7,016	6,459	5,678	5,832	6,032
LA	3,196	3,465	1,909	1,901	1,892	1,901
MD	6,158	6,640	6,267	6,088	*6,597	6,661
MS	16,793	16,763	16,724	17,067	16,764	16,491
NC	15,062	15,462	15,458	15,964	*16,074	15,666
OK	4,282	3,292	4,616	4,069	5,648	4,531
PA	3,250	3,263	3,181	3,226	*2,978	2,924
SC	4,659	4,602	4,500	4,359	4,759	4,753
TX	13,299	13,301	13,278	13,285	*12,735	13,385
VA	4,873	4,308	4,607	4,764	4,310	4,911
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,928	16,419	16,945	*17,456	*16,599	17,322
19 State Total	169,505	170,633	167,007	*168,948	*166,691	166,642
Previous Year Total	180,426	181,091	180,372	181,007	177,613	177,156
Pct. of Prev. Year	94	94	93	93	94	94

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