



# 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 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 25, 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 25, 2009. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through April 25, 2009 were 2.85 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 21 2009	Mar 28 2009	Apr 4 2009	Apr 11 2009	Apr 18 2009	Apr 25 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,024	29,633	*29,571	29,892	30,114	29,758
AR	23,279	23,120	*23,721	23,415	*24,001	23,402
DE	3,454	3,559	3,469	3,580	3,585	3,529
FL	977	995	946	956	979	991
GA	30,699	31,392	31,706	31,801	30,783	30,936
KY	*7,527	*8,016	*7,756	7,599	7,822	7,687
LA	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230
MD	8,572	8,910	9,053	9,169	9,160	8,963
MS	17,779	17,624	17,870	17,750	17,622	17,659
NC	19,103	18,628	*18,906	18,915	19,033	18,553
OK	6,841	6,921	*7,245	6,885	6,793	6,690
PA	3,804	*3,604	3,919	3,931	*3,952	3,957
SC	5,805	5,431	5,799	5,624	5,538	5,636
TX	14,830	15,394	15,329	14,959	15,324	14,953
VA	5,989	6,170	6,179	6,158	6,179	6,236
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,469	18,190	*19,898	19,978	*19,545	19,701
19 State Total	*200,382	*199,817	*203,597	202,842	*202,660	200,881
Previous Year Total	215,850	214,627	217,082	215,925	214,822	213,675
Pct. of Prev. Year	93	93	94	94	94	94

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 21 2009	Mar 28 2009	Apr 4 2009	Apr 11 2009	Apr 18 2009	Apr 25 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,008	20,203	19,932	20,917	20,393	19,715
AR	22,138	20,525	21,990	20,771	*20,548	21,903
DE	5,014	4,872	5,211	4,473	4,370	4,758
FL	704	703	707	707	726	685
GA	28,238	26,760	27,251	25,635	*26,052	27,129
KY	7,016	6,459	5,678	5,832	*6,030	5,929
LA	3,465	1,909	1,901	1,892	1,901	1,896
MD	6,640	6,267	6,088	6,597	6,661	5,637
MS	16,763	16,724	17,067	16,764	16,491	16,899
NC	15,462	15,458	15,964	*15,976	15,666	15,836
OK	3,292	4,616	4,069	5,648	4,531	4,601
PA	3,263	*3,188	3,226	2,978	*2,879	3,106
SC	4,602	4,500	4,359	*4,714	*4,728	4,257
TX	13,301	13,278	13,285	12,735	13,385	13,311
VA	4,308	4,607	4,764	4,310	*4,987	5,475
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,419	16,945	*17,458	16,599	17,322	17,773
19 State Total	170,633	*167,014	*168,950	*166,548	*166,670	168,910
Previous Year Total	181,091	180,372	181,007	177,613	177,156	178,240
Pct. of Prev. Year	94	93	93	94	94	95

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