



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 May 2, 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 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 2, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through May 2, 2009 were 3.02 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 28 2009	Apr 4 2009	Apr 11 2009	Apr 18 2009	Apr 25 2009	May 2 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,633	29,571	29,892	*29,881	29,758	29,985
AR	23,120	23,721	*23,416	*23,996	*23,431	23,501
DE	3,559	3,469	3,580	3,585	3,529	3,615
FL	995	946	956	979	991	994
GA	31,392	31,706	31,801	30,783	30,936	31,890
KY	8,016	7,756	*7,790	7,822	7,687	7,699
LA	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230
MD	8,910	9,053	9,169	9,160	8,963	8,799
MS	17,624	17,870	17,750	17,622	17,659	17,124
NC	18,628	18,906	*18,805	19,033	18,553	18,708
OK	6,921	7,245	*6,962	6,793	6,690	6,630
PA	3,604	3,919	3,931	3,952	*4,061	3,873
SC	5,431	5,799	5,624	5,538	5,636	5,714
TX	15,394	15,329	14,959	15,324	14,953	14,473
VA	6,170	6,179	6,158	6,179	6,236	6,283
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,190	19,898	19,978	19,545	*19,627	19,327
19 State Total	199,817	203,597	*203,001	*202,422	*200,940	200,845
Previous Year Total	214,627	217,082	215,925	214,822	213,675	214,360
Pct. of Prev. Year	93	94	94	94	94	94

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 28 2009	Apr 4 2009	Apr 11 2009	Apr 18 2009	Apr 25 2009	May 2 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,203	19,932	20,917	*20,409	*19,720	20,563
AR	20,525	21,990	20,771	*20,538	*21,929	21,156
DE	4,872	5,211	4,473	4,370	4,758	5,033
FL	703	707	707	726	685	695
GA	26,760	27,251	25,635	26,052	*27,530	27,140
KY	6,459	5,678	5,832	6,030	5,929	6,067
LA	1,909	1,901	1,892	1,901	1,896	1,902
MD	6,267	6,088	6,597	6,661	5,637	6,088
MS	16,724	17,067	16,764	16,491	16,899	16,586
NC	15,458	15,964	15,976	15,666	15,836	15,639
OK	4,616	4,069	5,648	4,531	4,601	4,931
PA	3,188	3,226	2,978	2,879	*3,168	3,105
SC	4,500	4,359	4,714	4,728	4,257	4,768
TX	13,278	13,285	12,735	13,385	13,311	12,971
VA	4,607	4,764	4,310	4,987	5,475	4,562
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,945	17,458	16,599	17,322	*17,784	16,494
19 State Total	167,014	168,950	166,548	*166,676	*169,415	167,700
Previous Year Total	180,372	181,007	177,613	177,156	178,240	177,740
Pct. of Prev. Year	93	93	94	94	95	94

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