



# 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 May 16, 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 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 16, 2009. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through May 16, 2009 were 3.36 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					
	Apr 11 2009	Apr 18 2009	Apr 25 2009	May 2 2009	May 9 2009	May 16 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,892	29,935	*29,465	29,941	29,705	29,867
AR	23,416	23,995	*23,797	23,501	*23,447	24,049
DE	3,580	3,585	3,529	3,615	3,579	3,760
FL	956	991	991	994	995	992
GA	31,801	31,283	*30,878	31,890	*31,659	32,085
KY	7,796	*7,704	*7,552	7,699	7,739	7,589
LA	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230
MD	9,169	9,160	8,963	8,799	8,700	8,803
MS	17,750	17,622	*17,849	*17,884	*17,996	18,587
NC	18,805	18,936	*18,449	18,708	*18,831	18,388
OK	6,962	6,921	*7,047	6,850	6,779	6,667
PA	3,931	3,952	4,061	3,805	*4,085	3,896
SC	5,624	5,538	5,636	5,714	5,905	5,629
TX	14,996	15,351	14,980	14,500	15,134	15,363
VA	6,158	6,179	6,236	6,283	*6,381	6,401
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,970	*19,555	*19,623	*19,319	*19,870	19,821
19 State Total	*203,036	*202,937	*201,286	*201,732	*203,035	204,127
Previous Year Total	217,082	215,758	214,262	214,943	215,106	218,063
Pct. of Prev. Year	94	94	94	94	94	94

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 11 2009	Apr 18 2009	Apr 25 2009	May 2 2009	May 9 2009	May 16 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,817	*20,373	*19,724	20,563	21,024	20,858
AR	20,771	20,538	21,929	21,156	*21,626	21,157
DE	4,473	4,370	4,758	5,033	4,850	5,346
FL	707	726	685	695	821	870
GA	25,635	26,052	27,560	27,251	*25,974	25,848
KY	*5,772	*5,970	*5,869	6,067	*6,769	5,968
LA	1,892	1,901	1,896	1,902	1,888	1,902
MD	6,597	6,661	5,637	6,088	6,451	5,834
MS	16,764	16,491	16,899	16,693	16,072	16,311
NC	15,976	15,666	15,836	15,639	15,659	15,214
OK	5,648	4,530	4,601	4,931	4,417	4,701
PA	2,978	2,879	3,168	3,105	*3,115	3,161
SC	4,714	4,728	4,257	4,768	5,862	5,019
TX	12,765	13,415	13,341	13,001	13,340	12,991
VA	4,310	4,987	5,475	4,562	4,996	5,129
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,571	*17,339	*17,736	*16,713	*16,595	17,370
19 State Total	*166,390	*166,626	*169,371	*168,167	*169,459	167,679
Previous Year Total	178,151	177,032	178,663	178,080	177,253	175,827
Pct. of Prev. Year	93	94	95	94	96	95

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