



# 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 23, 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 May 23, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through May 23, 2009 were 3.52 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 18 2009	Apr 25 2009	May 2 2009	May 9 2009	May 16 2009	May 23 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,935	29,465	*29,533	29,705	29,867	29,892
AR	23,995	23,797	*23,739	23,447	24,049	24,116
DE	3,585	3,529	3,615	3,579	3,760	3,616
FL	991	991	994	995	992	992
GA	31,283	30,878	*31,673	31,659	32,085	31,618
KY	7,704	7,552	7,699	7,739	7,589	7,930
LA	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,245
MD	9,160	8,963	8,799	8,700	8,803	8,870
MS	17,622	17,849	*17,456	17,996	18,587	18,372
NC	18,936	18,449	*18,629	18,831	18,388	18,368
OK	6,921	7,047	*7,002	6,779	6,667	6,683
PA	3,952	4,061	3,805	*4,182	*3,667	3,950
SC	5,538	5,636	5,714	5,905	5,629	5,594
TX	15,351	14,980	14,500	15,134	15,363	15,501
VA	6,179	6,236	6,283	6,381	6,401	6,226
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,708	19,623	19,319	*19,913	*19,996	19,906
19 State Total	*203,090	201,286	*200,990	*203,175	*204,073	203,879
Previous Year Total	215,758	214,262	214,943	215,106	218,063	217,208
Pct. of Prev. Year	94	94	94	94	94	94

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 18 2009	Apr 25 2009	May 2 2009	May 9 2009	May 16 2009	May 23 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	*20,393	19,724	*20,352	21,024	*20,755	20,860
AR	20,538	21,929	21,156	21,626	*21,171	21,879
DE	4,370	4,758	5,033	4,850	5,346	5,168
FL	726	685	695	821	870	718
GA	26,052	27,560	27,251	25,974	25,848	26,611
KY	5,970	5,869	6,067	6,769	5,968	6,468
LA	1,901	1,896	1,902	1,888	1,902	1,917
MD	6,661	5,637	6,088	6,451	5,834	5,448
MS	16,491	16,899	16,693	16,072	16,311	15,625
NC	15,666	15,836	15,639	15,659	*15,284	15,475
OK	4,530	4,601	4,931	4,417	4,701	3,938
PA	2,879	3,168	3,105	*3,098	*3,095	3,025
SC	4,728	4,257	4,768	5,862	5,019	5,085
TX	13,415	13,341	13,001	13,340	12,991	12,618
VA	4,987	5,475	4,562	4,996	5,129	5,380
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,339	17,736	16,713	*16,605	*17,378	16,735
19 State Total	*166,646	169,371	*167,956	*169,452	*167,602	166,950
Previous Year Total	177,032	178,663	178,080	177,253	175,827	177,324
Pct. of Prev. Year	94	95	94	96	95	94

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