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Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 18, 2009. This was down 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 18, 2009. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through July 18, 2009 were 4.88 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 | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Jun 13 2009 | Jun 20 2009 | Jun 27 2009 | Jul 4 2009 | Jul 11 2009 | Jul 18 2009 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 29,912 | 29,215 | *29,309 | 30,088 | *29,098 | 29,120 |
| AR | 23,699 | 23,384 | 23,020 | 22,811 | *22,903 | 23,708 |
| DE | 3,463 | 3,470 | 3,484 | 3,756 | 3,455 | 3,637 |
| FL | 1,066 | 1,081 | 1,025 | 990 | 990 | 991 |
| GA | 32,177 | 32,085 | 31,811 | 31,582 | *31,567 | 31,726 |
| KY | *7,780 | *7,609 | *7,973 | 7,687 | *7,513 | 7,728 |
| LA | 3,440 | 3,243 | 3,409 | 3,349 | 3,409 | 3,409 |
| MD | 8,774 | 8,792 | 9,053 | 8,355 | *8,878 | 8,642 |
| MS | 18,378 | 18,347 | 18,108 | 18,182 | 17,760 | 18,285 |
| NC | 17,758 | 18,387 | *18,673 | 18,525 | 18,515 | 18,892 |
| OK | 7,083 | 6,939 | *6,843 | 6,337 | 6,659 | 7,081 |
| PA | 3,787 | 3,745 | 3,858 | 3,729 | *3,985 | 4,112 |
| SC | 5,822 | 5,256 | 5,328 | 5,705 | 5,623 | 5,707 |
| TX | 15,930 | 15,904 | 15,519 | 15,138 | 15,704 | 15,541 |
| VA | 6,257 | 6,222 | 6,256 | 6,194 | 6,166 | 6,211 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | *19,583 | *19,969 | *18,413 | *18,732 | *18,451 | 18,885 |
| 19 State Total | *204,909 | *203,648 | *202,082 | *201,160 | *200,676 | 203,675 |
| Previous Year Total | 212,986 | 213,178 | 210,187 | 207,613 | 211,457 | 211,369 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 96 | 96 | 96 | 97 | 95 | 96 |

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Jun 13 2009 | Jun 20 2009 | Jun 27 2009 | Jul 4 2009 | Jul 11 2009 | Jul 18 2009 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 21,273 | 20,780 | 21,468 | 21,570 | *21,305 | 20,563 |
| AR | 20,788 | 22,642 | 21,645 | 20,699 | *20,694 | 21,499 |
| DE | 5,324 | 4,381 | 4,461 | *4,218 | *4,509 | 4,992 |
| FL | 701 | 774 | 773 | 774 | 777 | 737 |
| GA | 26,871 | 27,645 | 27,100 | 26,984 | *26,506 | 26,645 |
| KY | 6,043 | 6,511 | 5,948 | 6,170 | *6,694 | 6,604 |
| LA | 2,474 | 2,651 | 2,715 | 3,009 | 2,851 | 2,959 |
| MD | 5,682 | 6,678 | 5,949 | *6,111 | *6,581 | 6,151 |
| MS | 16,428 | 16,589 | 16,475 | 16,315 | *16,107 | 16,107 |
| NC | 15,216 | 15,420 | 15,426 | 14,658 | 15,001 | 15,481 |
| OK | 5,519 | 4,114 | 4,793 | 5,067 | 4,430 | 4,212 |
| PA | 3,087 | 2,760 | 2,926 | 3,066 | *2,956 | 3,083 |
| SC | 4,752 | 4,561 | 4,496 | 4,745 | 4,586 | 4,645 |
| TX | 13,534 | 13,728 | 13,777 | 13,703 | 13,684 | 13,332 |
| VA | 4,920 | 4,812 | 5,651 | 5,243 | 4,596 | 4,721 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | *18,540 | *17,325 | *17,850 | *17,805 | *17,791 | 16,083 |
| 19 State Total | *171,152 | *171,371 | *171,453 | *170,137 | *169,068 | 167,814 |
| Previous Year Total | 179,598 | 179,576 | 179,182 | 175,576 | 175,314 | 172,780 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 95 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 96 | 97 |

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