

Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 190 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 10, 2009. This was down 3 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 156 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 10, 2009. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through October 10, 2009 were 6.86 billion, down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

	Week Ending							
State	Sep 5 2009	Sep 12 2009	Sep 19 2009	Sep 26 2009	Oct 3 2009	Oct 10 2009		
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand		
AL	27,783	27,143	*27,358	27,963	25,677	26,854		
AR	22,808	23,018	*22,411	*21,665	21,463	21,292		
DE	3,478	3,289	3,218	3,376	*2,942	3,276		
FL	909	900	902	1,144	1,331	1,330		
GA	31,504	30,922	29,307	31,291	28,553	29,935		
KY	7,193	7,504	*6,660	7,744	6,852	7,439		
LA	*3,316	3,394	3,379	*3,440	*2,751	3,304		
MD	8,132	8,180	7,786	8,621	8,172	8,440		
MS	17,144	17,872	17,563	15,581	16,789	17,095		
NC	17,636	16,519	*16,825	17,632	17,771	15,373		
OK	6,581	6,565	*6,773	6,245	*6,842	7,086		
PA	4,020	3,890	3,626	3,681	*3,980	3,849		
SC	5,274	5,783	5,487	5,539	5,032	5,799		
TX	*14,599	*14,115	*13,593	*13,819	*13,077	14,168		
VA	6,111	5,918	5,792	6,005	5,754	6,041		
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,395	17,618	*17,235	*17,790	*17,287	18,375		
19 State Total	*194,883	*192,630	*187,915	*191,536	*184,273	189,656		
Previous Year Total	201,630	197,833	193,569	198,742	188,431	194,566		
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	97	97	96	98	97		

^{*} Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

-	Week Ending							
State	Sep 5 2009	Sep 12 2009	Sep 19 2009	Sep 26 2009	Oct 3 2009	Oct 10 2009		
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand		
AL	20,875	19,669	20,598	19,960	19,588	19,470		
AR	20,538	21,575	20,898	*19,863	21,121	19,434		
DE	4,291	5,153	4,335	4,763	4,715	3,882		
FL	650	648	661	669	664	700		
GA	27,066	26,849	*26,529	26,461	25,985	24,510		
KY	*6,613	*6,621	*6,529	*6,383	*6,228	4,992		
LA	3,016	2,953	*2,889	2,892	2,982	2,953		
MD	6,024	5,256	6,387	5,824	4,950	5,198		
MS	16,113	15,799	15,456	14,724	15,549	15,276		
NC	15,434	15,496	15,330	14,328	13,975	14,253		
OK	4,401	4,824	4,934	4,915	4,560	5,202		
PA	2,981	2,983	3,285	3,173	*3,134	2,905		
SC	4,715	4,591	4,974	4,482	4,311	4,234		
TX	*13,096	*12,864	*12,692	*12,755	*12,475	12,011		
VA	5,552	5,172	4,653	4,456	5,109	5,001		
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,258	15,273	*15,718	*15,802	*14,599	16,145		
19 State Total	*166,623	*165,726	*165,868	*161,450	*159,945	156,166		
Previous Year Total	170,363	170,671	168,148	165,813	162,480	160,080		
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	97	99	97	98	98		

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