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**Broiler** 

Hatchery

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 2, 2010. This was down slightly 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 Up Slightly**

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 2, 2010. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through January 2, 2010 were 8.79 billion, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States** 

State	Week Ending							
	Nov 28 2009	Dec 5 2009	Dec 12 2009	Dec 19 2009	Dec 26 2009	Jan 2 2010		
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand		
AL	28,719	29,465	*29,614	29,459	*29,798	29,435		
AR	24,268	23,143	*24,454	24,446	*24,008	24,377		
DE	3,366	3,102	3,377	3,425	3,438	3,292		
FL	1,329	1,329	1,327	1,297	1,296	1,328		
GA	31,283	*31,186	*31,146	31,147	*31,173	31,204		
KY	8,080	7,828	*8,015	7,998	*8,041	7,978		
LA	3,304	3,424	3,349	3,349	3,379	3,379		
MD	8,698	8,922	8,918	*9,007	*8,963	8,926		
MS	18,620	18,638	18,780	18,882	18,735	18,687		
NC	19,214	18,294	*18,549	18,909	*18,750	18,245		
ОК	7,210	6,790	*7,013	7,165	*7,154	7,290		
PA	3,857	3,614	4,096	3,771	*3,740	3,755		
SC	5,613	5,685	5,589	5,825	5,814	5,427		
TX	15,694	15,302	15,689	15,273	15,395	14,956		
VA	6,201	6,193	5,968	6,114	6,224	6,217		
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,237	18,213	19,368	*18,500	*18,108	18,153		
19 State Total	202,693	*201,128	*205,252	*204,567	*204,016	202,649		
Previous Year Total	204,719	200,741	205,041	203,388	202,493	202,760		
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	100	101	101	100		

\* Revised

## **Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending							
	Nov 28 2009	Dec 5 2009	Dec 12 2009	Dec 19 2009	Dec 26 2009	Jan 2 2010		
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand		
AL	18,215	21,077	20,232	20,436	*20,904	21,601		
AR	19,658	21,571	21,515	21,151	*21,451	21,419		
DE	4,871	4,961	4,097	*4,948	*4,618	4,320		
FL	1,017	821	1,010	1,015	*1,294	1,003		
GA	24,256	25,026	25,688	26,389	*26,160	26,119		
KY	6,430	6,290	6,069	6,250	6,475	6,024		
LA	2,687	2,969	3,075	3,022	3,066	2,917		
MD	5,870	5,385	6,828	*5,899	*5,338	6,411		
MS	15,374	15,785	15,903	16,187	16,031	16,123		
NC	15,281	15,379	15,505	15,695	*15,155	15,558		
OK	5,392	4,322	3,869	5,228	3,865	4,664		
PA	2,833	3,185	3,037	3,091	*3,006	3,268		
SC	4,726	5,199	4,586	4,656	5,099	4,347		
TX	13,330	13,414	13,631	13,575	13,204	13,488		
VA	4,173	4,973	5,065	4,966	5,459	4,605		
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,333	15,961	*16,825	*15,863	*15,879	17,391		
19 State Total	158,446	166,318	*166,935	*168,371	*167,004	169,258		
Previous Year Total	159,463	166,189	167,904	168,272	166,152	168,557		
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	99	100	101	100		

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