

# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 20, 2010. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## Broiler Chicks Placed Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 20, 2010. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through March 20, 2010 were 1.84 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 13 2010	Feb 20 2010	Feb 27 2010	Mar 6 2010	Mar 13 2010	Mar 20 2010
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,791	30,080	*30,104	30,030	29,667	30,564
AR	24,504	23,906	*24,327	24,439	*22,958	23,762
DE	3,269	3,266	3,264	3,193	3,782	3,615
FL	1,352	1,376	1,385	1,338	1,303	1,316
GA	31,630	31,902	*31,520	31,594	31,691	31,701
KY	7,493	7,830	*7,775	7,655	7,710	7,995
LA	3,392	3,470	3,470	3,470	3,440	3,500
MD	8,904	9,069	9,106	9,062	8,856	9,141
MS	19,380	19,258	19,465	19,349	19,156	19,503
NC	18,737	19,134	*18,768	18,772	18,901	18,559
OK	6,807	6,727	*6,658	6,879	*7,113	7,233
PA	3,620	3,693	3,698	3,692	*3,839	3,647
SC	5,515	5,675	5,977	5,643	5,640	6,048
TX	15,968	16,145	15,807	15,448	15,566	15,541
VA	6,490	6,435	6,427	6,549	6,543	6,412
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,882	*19,007	*19,610	*19,430	*19,498	19,236
19 State Total	205,734	*206,973	*207,361	*206,543	*205,663	207,773
Previous Year Total	202,817	204,603	206,753	202,111	203,072	200,382
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	100	102	101	104

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 13 2010	Feb 20 2010	Feb 27 2010	Mar 6 2010	Mar 13 2010	Mar 20 2010
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,296	20,884	20,739	20,883	21,449	20,750
AR	20,798	21,265	20,773	22,446	*21,477	21,698
DE	4,512	3,911	5,629	3,625	4,581	4,994
FL	1,029	1,104	1,040	1,037	1,030	1,029
GA	26,329	25,852	26,205	25,847	25,946	26,433
KY	6,299	6,158	6,120	6,033	*6,450	6,070
LA	2,929	3,014	3,049	3,032	3,021	3,043
MD	5,800	5,808	5,316	6,589	6,115	6,069
MS	16,259	16,617	16,897	17,174	16,809	16,891
NC	14,868	15,010	15,411	15,299	15,790	15,610
OK	4,557	4,863	4,505	3,172	4,658	4,417
PA	2,932	2,646	2,609	2,854	*3,023	3,000
SC	4,952	4,982	5,071	5,156	4,841	4,810
TX	12,245	12,966	13,173	13,249	13,376	13,204
VA	4,731	4,948	4,561	5,751	5,212	5,052
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,095	*15,833	17,185	*16,882	*16,379	17,040
19 State Total	164,631	*165,861	168,283	*169,029	*170,157	170,110
Previous Year Total	167,039	163,431	166,495	167,577	169,505	170,633
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	101	101	101	100	100

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