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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 3, 2010. This was up slightly 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 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 3, 2010. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through April 3, 2010 were 2.17 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 27 $2010$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar } 6 \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar } 13 \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar } 20 \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar } 27 \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr } 3 \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand |
| AL | 30,104 | 30,017 | *29,652 | 30,564 | 30,325 | 29,344 |
| AR | 24,327 | 24,284 | *23,115 | 23,778 | 23,437 | 23,360 |
| DE | 3,264 | 3,193 | 3,782 | 3,615 | 3,709 | 3,640 |
| FL | 1,385 | 1,338 | 1,303 | 1,316 | 1,343 | 1,350 |
| GA | 31,520 | 31,745 | 31,691 | 31,701 | 31,500 | 31,094 |
| KY | 7,775 | 7,822 | *7,868 | 7,995 | 7,708 | 7,784 |
| LA | 3,470 | 3,470 | 3,440 | 3,500 | 3,470 | 3,379 |
| MD | 9,106 | 9,062 | 8,856 | 9,141 | 9,089 | 9,121 |
| MS | 19,465 | 19,349 | 19,156 | 19,503 | 19,405 | 19,204 |
| NC | 18,768 | 18,790 | *18,767 | 18,559 | 18,743 | 18,654 |
| OK | 6,658 | 6,623 | *6,866 | 7,224 | *7,137 | 6,888 |
| PA | 3,698 | 3,692 | 3,839 | 3,743 | *3,791 | 3,777 |
| SC | 5,977 | 5,643 | 5,640 | 6,048 | 5,990 | 5,735 |
| TX | 15,807 | 15,448 | 15,566 | 15,541 | 14,758 | 15,564 |
| VA | 6,427 | 6,549 | 6,543 | 6,412 | 6,178 | 6,466 |
| CA, MO, TN, \& WV | 19,614 | 19,435 | 19,502 | 19,134 | *18,782 | 18,962 |
| 19 State Total | 207,365 | 206,460 | *205,586 | 207,774 | *205,365 | 204,322 |
| Previous Year Total | 206,753 | 202,111 | 203,072 | 200,382 | 199,817 | 203,634 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 100 | 102 | 101 | 104 | 103 | 100 |

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Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb } 27 \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Mar } 6 \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar } 13 \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar 20 } \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar } 27 \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr 3 } \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand |
| AL | 20,739 | 20,883 | 21,449 | 20,750 | 20,850 | 20,504 |
| AR | 20,773 | 22,446 | 21,477 | 21,677 | 21,428 | 22,035 |
| DE | 5,629 | 3,625 | 4,581 | 4,994 | 4,391 | 4,529 |
| FL | 1,040 | 1,037 | 1,030 | 1,029 | 1,096 | 997 |
| GA | 26,205 | 25,847 | 25,946 | 26,433 | 27,287 | 26,235 |
| KY | 6,120 | 6,033 | 6,450 | *5,983 | 6,256 | 6,837 |
| LA | 3,049 | 3,032 | 3,021 | 3,043 | 3,059 | 3,023 |
| MD | 5,316 | 6,589 | 6,115 | 6,069 | 6,223 | 6,395 |
| MS | 16,897 | 17,174 | 16,809 | 16,891 | 16,766 | 16,463 |
| NC | 15,411 | 15,299 | 15,790 | 15,610 | 15,853 | 15,705 |
| OK | 4,505 | 3,172 | 4,658 | 4,286 | 4,347 | 3,290 |
| PA | 2,609 | 2,854 | 3,023 | 2,993 | *2,943 | 2,961 |
| SC | 5,071 | 5,156 | 4,841 | 4,810 | 4,114 | 4,775 |
| TX | 13,173 | 13,249 | 13,376 | 13,204 | 12,821 | 12,965 |
| VA | 4,561 | 5,751 | 5,212 | 5,052 | 5,328 | 5,316 |
| CA, MO, TN, \& WV | 17,201 | 16,893 | 16,389 | 17,105 | *16,421 | 16,721 |
| 19 State Total | 168,299 | 169,040 | 170,167 | *169,929 | *169,183 | 168,751 |
| Previous Year Total | 166,495 | 167,577 | 169,505 | 170,633 | 167,014 | 168,980 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 101 | 101 | 100 | 100 | 101 | 100 |

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