



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 28, 2009. This was down 6 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 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 28, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through February 28, 2009 were 1.50 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					
	Jan 24 2009	Jan 31 2009	Feb 7 2009	Feb 14 2009	Feb 21 2009	Feb 28 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,216	*28,765	29,023	29,489	29,086	29,296
AR	24,590	24,416	24,710	24,737	24,980	24,817
DE	3,332	3,417	3,480	3,304	*3,466	3,703
FL	999	1,016	1,027	1,021	1,020	1,008
GA	33,154	32,317	32,527	32,711	32,818	33,109
KY	7,881	6,605	*7,355	7,885	7,167	7,795
LA	3,454	3,454	3,470	3,470	3,470	3,470
MD	8,156	8,484	8,095	8,779	8,866	9,047
MS	16,926	17,190	17,475	17,692	17,891	17,894
NC	18,997	18,468	*18,607	18,353	18,863	18,762
OK	6,454	6,749	*6,814	6,850	*6,834	6,772
PA	3,859	3,939	3,810	*3,565	4,135	3,956
SC	5,272	5,792	5,719	5,589	5,789	5,628
TX	15,394	14,745	15,443	15,526	15,530	15,595
VA	5,505	5,385	5,535	5,749	5,943	5,939
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,485	17,665	18,843	18,517	*19,292	19,610
19 State Total	201,674	*198,407	*201,933	*203,237	*205,150	206,401
Previous Year Total	217,697	218,880	217,271	218,479	219,311	219,830
Pct. of Prev. Year	93	91	93	93	94	94

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 24 2009	Jan 31 2009	Feb 7 2009	Feb 14 2009	Feb 21 2009	Feb 28 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,290	19,404	19,762	20,291	20,348	20,080
AR	20,709	20,068	21,546	21,696	*21,320	21,719
DE	4,502	4,547	4,580	3,975	*4,656	4,655
FL	864	898	778	852	741	741
GA	27,720	28,258	27,161	*28,180	26,910	26,341
KY	6,349	4,497	6,032	6,523	4,478	5,842
LA	3,247	3,622	3,224	3,031	3,655	3,331
MD	5,880	6,199	6,159	5,083	*5,217	5,307
MS	16,346	16,271	16,300	15,631	15,655	16,135
NC	15,327	15,559	15,082	15,292	*15,507	15,509
OK	4,502	4,393	4,453	4,549	*4,529	4,783
PA	2,963	3,032	3,054	*3,093	3,082	3,077
SC	4,533	4,604	5,650	4,765	4,543	5,664
TX	13,262	13,167	13,033	13,197	12,638	13,192
VA	4,752	4,656	4,631	5,289	4,512	4,303
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,223	17,514	16,538	15,415	*15,497	16,170
19 State Total	167,469	166,689	167,983	*166,862	*163,288	166,849
Previous Year Total	177,611	176,060	176,413	177,543	178,240	177,627
Pct. of Prev. Year	94	95	95	94	92	94

* Revised