



# 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 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 11, 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 April 11, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through April 11, 2009 were 2.51 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					
	Mar 7 2009	Mar 14 2009	Mar 21 2009	Mar 28 2009	Apr 4 2009	Apr 11 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,162	28,809	*30,024	29,563	29,562	29,867
AR	23,538	23,680	*23,279	23,120	*23,992	23,415
DE	3,558	3,525	3,454	3,559	3,469	3,528
FL	975	982	*977	980	946	956
GA	31,715	31,979	30,699	31,392	*31,706	31,801
KY	*7,616	7,849	*7,522	7,839	*7,650	7,599
LA	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230
MD	8,851	9,204	8,572	8,910	9,053	9,169
MS	18,035	18,280	17,779	17,624	17,870	17,750
NC	19,105	19,241	*19,117	18,798	19,075	18,912
OK	6,963	6,546	*6,841	6,747	6,949	6,885
PA	4,148	4,057	3,804	*3,695	*3,919	4,002
SC	5,436	5,941	5,805	5,431	5,799	5,624
TX	15,638	15,544	*14,830	15,394	15,329	14,959
VA	6,062	6,178	5,989	6,170	6,179	6,158
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,079	*19,027	*19,469	*18,577	*19,823	19,491
19 State Total	*202,111	*203,072	*200,391	*200,029	*203,551	202,346
Previous Year Total	219,337	219,153	215,850	214,627	217,082	215,925
Pct. of Prev. Year	92	93	93	93	94	94

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 7 2009	Mar 14 2009	Mar 21 2009	Mar 28 2009	Apr 4 2009	Apr 11 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,959	19,961	20,008	20,203	19,932	20,796
AR	20,983	22,082	22,138	20,525	*21,990	20,771
DE	4,846	4,517	5,014	4,872	5,211	4,650
FL	741	724	704	703	707	707
GA	26,442	27,577	28,238	26,760	*27,251	26,185
KY	6,735	6,144	*7,016	*6,459	*5,678	5,832
LA	3,240	3,196	3,465	1,909	1,901	1,892
MD	5,364	6,158	6,640	6,267	6,088	6,363
MS	16,579	16,793	*16,763	16,724	17,067	16,764
NC	15,024	15,062	15,462	15,458	15,964	16,019
OK	5,373	4,282	3,292	4,616	4,069	5,648
PA	2,796	3,250	3,263	*3,181	*3,226	2,985
SC	4,844	4,659	4,602	4,500	4,359	4,759
TX	13,350	13,299	13,301	13,278	13,285	12,581
VA	4,885	4,873	4,308	4,607	4,764	4,310
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,416	*16,928	*16,419	*16,945	*17,434	16,615
19 State Total	*167,577	*169,505	*170,633	*167,007	*168,926	166,877
Previous Year Total	179,798	180,426	181,091	180,372	181,007	177,613
Pct. of Prev. Year	93	94	94	93	93	94

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