



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 185 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 3, 2009. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## Broiler Chicks Placed Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 160 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 3, 2009. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through October 3, 2009 were 6.71 billion, down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 29 2009	Sep 5 2009	Sep 12 2009	Sep 19 2009	Sep 26 2009	Oct 3 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,722	27,783	*27,143	27,613	27,963	25,677
AR	23,380	22,808	23,018	*22,488	*21,683	21,463
DE	3,365	3,478	3,289	3,218	3,376	3,143
FL	899	909	900	902	1,144	1,331
GA	31,839	31,504	30,922	29,307	*31,291	28,553
KY	7,616	*7,193	*7,504	7,025	7,744	6,852
LA	3,424	3,409	3,394	3,379	3,346	3,304
MD	8,854	8,132	8,180	7,786	8,621	8,172
MS	17,833	17,144	17,872	17,563	15,581	16,789
NC	18,452	17,636	*16,519	17,408	*17,632	17,771
OK	6,772	6,581	*6,565	6,675	*6,245	6,841
PA	4,039	4,020	3,890	3,626	*3,681	3,889
SC	5,533	5,274	5,783	5,487	5,539	5,032
TX	14,836	14,596	14,111	13,591	*13,817	13,075
VA	6,100	6,111	5,918	5,792	6,005	5,754
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,389	18,395	17,618	17,834	17,761	17,292
19 State Total	200,053	*194,973	*192,626	*189,694	*191,429	184,938
Previous Year Total	204,988	201,630	197,833	193,569	198,742	188,431
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	97	97	98	96	98

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 29 2009	Sep 5 2009	Sep 12 2009	Sep 19 2009	Sep 26 2009	Oct 3 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,290	20,875	19,669	20,598	19,960	19,588
AR	20,394	20,538	21,575	*20,898	*19,868	21,121
DE	4,448	4,291	5,153	4,335	4,763	4,715
FL	729	650	648	661	669	664
GA	25,202	27,066	26,849	*26,528	*26,461	25,985
KY	6,516	6,657	6,665	6,573	*6,427	6,272
LA	3,020	3,016	2,953	2,996	2,892	2,982
MD	6,661	6,024	5,256	6,387	5,824	4,950
MS	16,298	16,113	15,799	15,456	14,724	15,549
NC	14,996	15,434	15,496	15,330	*14,328	13,975
OK	4,953	4,401	4,824	4,934	4,915	4,560
PA	3,052	2,981	2,983	3,285	*3,173	3,199
SC	5,130	4,715	4,591	4,974	4,482	4,311
TX	12,890	13,094	12,861	12,689	12,753	12,473
VA	4,721	5,552	5,172	4,653	4,456	5,109
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,398	15,258	15,273	15,706	15,791	14,613
19 State Total	165,698	166,665	165,767	*166,003	*161,486	160,066
Previous Year Total	170,083	170,363	170,671	168,148	165,813	162,480
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	98	97	99	97	99

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