



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 182 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 31, 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 84 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 157 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 31, 2009. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through October 31, 2009 were 7.33 billion, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 26 2009	Oct 3 2009	Oct 10 2009	Oct 17 2009	Oct 24 2009	Oct 31 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,005	26,175	26,854	26,507	27,460	25,542
AR	21,768	21,135	*20,837	21,082	*20,936	20,713
DE	3,376	2,942	3,277	3,116	3,167	2,941
FL	1,144	1,331	1,330	1,098	1,098	1,327
GA	31,291	27,336	*30,699	29,084	29,173	27,685
KY	7,930	*6,826	*7,636	*6,772	*7,511	7,247
LA	3,440	2,751	3,304	3,379	2,917	3,077
MD	8,621	8,172	8,440	8,586	8,174	9,065
MS	16,166	16,172	*16,764	17,294	16,419	15,901
NC	17,852	17,521	*15,584	18,117	17,731	17,308
OK	6,388	6,691	*6,951	6,418	*6,534	6,859
PA	3,681	4,023	4,003	3,385	*3,496	3,779
SC	5,539	5,032	5,799	5,739	5,859	5,023
TX	13,820	13,079	*14,170	12,926	14,133	13,234
VA	6,005	5,754	*6,087	6,035	5,695	5,314
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,799	*17,423	18,205	17,281	*16,849	16,658
19 State Total	*192,825	*182,363	*189,940	*186,819	*187,152	181,673
Previous Year Total	198,742	188,431	194,566	188,802	191,280	185,975
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	97	98	99	98	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 26 2009	Oct 3 2009	Oct 10 2009	Oct 17 2009	Oct 24 2009	Oct 31 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,960	19,588	19,466	20,116	19,199	19,304
AR	19,863	21,128	19,385	19,957	*20,180	19,515
DE	4,763	4,715	4,179	4,320	*4,075	4,602
FL	669	664	700	876	1,140	1,026
GA	26,461	25,985	24,510	26,509	22,529	25,317
KY	6,383	6,228	4,909	*5,918	*5,684	5,918
LA	2,892	2,982	2,953	3,113	2,361	2,869
MD	5,824	4,950	4,899	5,962	*5,527	6,234
MS	14,724	15,549	15,276	14,039	13,899	14,442
NC	14,328	13,975	14,253	14,577	14,202	13,201
OK	4,915	4,560	5,202	4,108	3,749	4,569
PA	3,179	3,161	2,958	2,977	*3,189	3,198
SC	4,482	4,311	4,234	4,483	4,220	4,799
TX	12,765	12,486	12,012	12,065	11,348	12,303
VA	4,456	5,111	*5,017	4,837	4,487	4,203
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,792	*14,595	15,584	16,088	*14,969	15,923
19 State Total	*161,456	*159,988	*155,537	*159,945	*150,758	157,423
Previous Year Total	165,813	162,480	160,080	163,207	154,412	158,747
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	98	97	98	98	99

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