



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 12, 2009. This was down slightly 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 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 12, 2009. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through December 12, 2009 were 8.28 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					
	Nov 7 2009	Nov 14 2009	Nov 21 2009	Nov 28 2009	Dec 5 2009	Dec 12 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	25,459	29,291	*28,480	28,513	29,465	29,548
AR	22,363	23,727	*23,732	23,561	*22,541	23,758
DE	2,735	3,260	3,781	3,366	*3,102	3,295
FL	1,328	1,096	1,329	1,329	1,329	1,327
GA	28,934	30,152	30,497	31,283	31,043	31,544
KY	7,058	7,726	*7,909	8,034	8,047	8,005
LA	3,107	3,409	3,440	3,304	3,424	3,349
MD	9,186	8,371	8,711	8,698	8,922	8,918
MS	18,098	18,464	*18,511	18,620	18,271	18,780
NC	18,411	18,787	*18,986	*19,189	*18,243	18,846
OK	7,038	7,399	*7,082	7,138	*6,869	6,925
PA	3,501	3,999	3,830	3,857	*3,635	3,821
SC	5,390	6,080	5,375	5,613	5,685	5,589
TX	15,203	15,380	15,681	15,255	15,302	15,689
VA	5,665	6,265	6,222	6,201	6,193	5,968
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,212	*18,154	*18,294	*17,227	*17,697	18,662
19 State Total	*190,688	*201,560	*201,860	*201,188	*199,768	204,024
Previous Year Total	193,091	202,149	203,681	204,719	200,741	205,041
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	99	98	100	100

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 7 2009	Nov 14 2009	Nov 21 2009	Nov 28 2009	Dec 5 2009	Dec 12 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,411	19,861	18,285	*18,215	*21,077	20,232
AR	18,362	19,118	20,045	19,658	*21,571	21,537
DE	4,940	4,142	3,924	4,871	4,961	4,150
FL	830	920	1,021	1,017	821	1,010
GA	23,552	25,074	22,950	24,256	*25,026	25,688
KY	*5,372	*5,273	*6,118	*6,430	6,290	6,069
LA	2,927	2,795	2,594	2,687	2,969	3,075
MD	5,394	5,260	5,927	5,870	5,385	6,770
MS	15,070	14,413	13,563	15,374	15,785	15,903
NC	15,100	14,593	14,690	15,281	15,379	15,505
OK	4,645	4,588	3,587	5,392	4,322	3,869
PA	2,767	2,824	2,951	2,833	*3,170	3,088
SC	4,256	4,871	4,441	4,726	5,199	4,586
TX	11,763	12,836	12,188	13,330	13,414	13,631
VA	4,454	4,775	4,856	4,173	4,973	5,065
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,115	*14,935	*14,010	*14,303	15,932	16,739
19 State Total	*153,958	*156,278	*151,150	*158,416	*166,274	166,917
Previous Year Total	155,285	156,111	152,410	159,463	166,189	167,904
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	99	99	100	99

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