



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 19, 2009. This was up 1 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 19, 2009. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through December 19, 2009 were 8.45 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 14 2009	Nov 21 2009	Nov 28 2009	Dec 5 2009	Dec 12 2009	Dec 19 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,291	28,480	*28,719	29,465	29,548	29,459
AR	23,727	23,732	*24,268	22,541	*23,852	24,307
DE	3,260	3,781	3,366	3,102	*3,377	3,425
FL	1,096	1,329	1,329	1,329	1,327	1,297
GA	30,152	30,497	31,283	31,043	31,544	31,147
KY	7,726	7,909	*8,027	8,047	8,005	7,998
LA	3,409	3,440	3,304	3,424	3,349	3,349
MD	8,371	8,711	8,698	8,922	8,918	9,006
MS	18,464	18,511	18,620	18,271	18,780	18,882
NC	18,787	18,986	*19,214	18,243	*18,823	18,909
OK	7,399	7,082	*7,210	6,869	*6,930	7,170
PA	3,999	3,830	3,857	*3,614	*4,096	3,954
SC	6,080	5,375	5,613	5,685	5,589	5,825
TX	15,380	15,681	*15,694	15,302	15,689	15,273
VA	6,265	6,222	6,201	6,193	5,968	6,114
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,154	18,294	17,227	*17,736	*19,336	18,592
19 State Total	201,560	201,860	*202,630	*199,786	*205,131	204,707
Previous Year Total	202,149	203,681	204,719	200,741	205,041	203,388
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	99	100	100	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 14 2009	Nov 21 2009	Nov 28 2009	Dec 5 2009	Dec 12 2009	Dec 19 2009
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,861	18,285	18,215	21,077	20,232	20,436
AR	19,118	20,045	19,658	21,571	*21,515	21,206
DE	4,142	3,924	4,871	4,961	*4,097	4,836
FL	920	1,021	1,017	821	1,010	1,015
GA	25,074	22,950	24,256	25,026	25,688	26,389
KY	5,273	6,118	6,430	6,290	6,069	6,250
LA	2,795	2,594	2,687	2,969	3,075	3,022
MD	5,260	5,927	5,870	5,385	*6,828	6,024
MS	14,413	13,563	15,374	15,785	15,903	16,187
NC	14,593	14,690	15,281	15,379	15,505	15,671
OK	4,588	3,587	5,392	4,322	3,869	5,228
PA	2,824	2,951	2,833	*3,185	*3,037	3,125
SC	4,871	4,441	4,726	5,199	4,586	4,656
TX	12,836	12,188	13,330	13,414	13,631	13,575
VA	4,775	4,856	4,173	4,973	5,065	4,966
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,935	14,010	*14,316	*15,943	*16,827	15,848
19 State Total	156,278	151,150	*158,429	*166,300	*166,937	168,434
Previous Year Total	156,111	152,410	159,463	166,189	167,904	168,272
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	99	100	99	100

* Revised