



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 24, 2010. This was up 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 24, 2010. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through April 24, 2010 were 2.69 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 20 2010	Mar 27 2010	Apr 3 2010	Apr 10 2010	Apr 17 2010	Apr 24 2010
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,274	30,357	29,344	30,132	30,182	30,292
AR	23,825	23,828	*23,869	24,268	23,825	23,301
DE	3,615	3,709	3,771	3,783	*3,783	3,782
FL	1,316	1,343	1,350	1,342	1,382	1,389
GA	31,701	31,500	31,094	31,925	31,808	31,695
KY	8,177	*7,582	*7,927	8,301	7,566	7,747
LA	3,500	3,470	3,379	3,500	3,500	3,470
MD	9,141	9,089	8,965	9,058	8,906	8,184
MS	19,503	19,405	19,204	18,939	19,160	19,023
NC	18,480	18,713	*18,616	18,464	18,748	19,497
OK	6,986	6,907	*6,657	7,202	*7,133	6,915
PA	3,743	3,791	3,691	*3,738	*3,784	3,802
SC	6,048	5,990	5,735	5,770	5,507	5,667
TX	15,545	14,762	15,568	15,548	15,654	15,816
VA	6,412	6,178	6,466	6,527	6,531	6,792
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,115	18,729	18,925	*19,549	*19,366	19,465
19 State Total	207,381	*205,353	*204,561	*208,046	*206,835	206,837
Previous Year Total	201,053	200,465	204,257	203,712	203,819	202,068
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	100	102	101	102

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 20 2010	Mar 27 2010	Apr 3 2010	Apr 10 2010	Apr 17 2010	Apr 24 2010
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,750	20,850	20,504	20,790	21,438	20,455
AR	21,677	21,428	21,932	21,793	20,910	21,729
DE	4,994	4,391	4,672	4,654	*5,404	4,866
FL	1,029	1,076	972	944	1,102	1,140
GA	26,433	27,287	26,235	26,788	*26,360	25,735
KY	5,963	6,236	6,837	6,792	*6,001	6,175
LA	3,043	3,059	3,023	3,112	3,134	3,187
MD	6,069	6,223	6,099	7,133	*5,735	6,336
MS	16,891	16,766	16,463	17,012	16,879	16,766
NC	*15,609	15,853	15,705	*15,088	15,600	15,578
OK	4,286	4,347	3,290	5,179	4,399	3,507
PA	2,993	2,943	3,036	*3,020	*3,029	2,899
SC	4,810	4,114	4,775	5,416	5,344	5,781
TX	13,223	12,840	12,984	13,021	12,462	12,825
VA	5,052	5,328	5,316	4,840	*4,658	5,035
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,108	16,422	16,683	*16,952	*16,772	17,468
19 State Total	*169,930	169,163	168,526	*172,534	*169,227	169,482
Previous Year Total	171,987	167,562	168,792	167,137	166,888	169,887
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	101	100	103	101	100

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