



# 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 May 1, 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 Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 1, 2010. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through May 1, 2010 were 2.86 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 27<br>2010  | Apr 3<br>2010   | Apr 10<br>2010  | Apr 17<br>2010  | Apr 24<br>2010  | May 1<br>2010   |
|                     | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL                  | 30,357          | *29,380         | *30,384         | 30,182          | 30,292          | 30,944          |
| AR                  | 23,828          | 23,869          | *24,424         | 23,825          | *23,449         | 24,111          |
| DE                  | 3,709           | 3,771           | 3,783           | 3,783           | *3,787          | 3,787           |
| FL                  | 1,343           | 1,350           | 1,342           | 1,382           | 1,389           | 1,380           |
| GA                  | 31,500          | 31,094          | *32,011         | 31,808          | 31,695          | 31,665          |
| KY                  | 7,582           | 7,927           | *8,435          | 7,566           | 7,747           | 7,846           |
| LA                  | 3,470           | 3,379           | 3,500           | 3,500           | 3,470           | 3,490           |
| MD                  | 9,089           | 8,965           | 9,058           | 8,906           | 8,184           | 7,059           |
| MS                  | 19,405          | 19,204          | *19,287         | 19,160          | 19,023          | 18,816          |
| NC                  | 18,713          | 18,616          | *18,620         | 18,748          | 19,497          | 19,708          |
| OK                  | 6,907           | 6,657           | *6,986          | 7,133           | *6,705          | 6,747           |
| PA                  | 3,791           | 3,691           | 3,738           | 3,784           | 3,802           | 3,759           |
| SC                  | 5,990           | 5,735           | 5,770           | 5,507           | 5,667           | 5,839           |
| TX                  | 14,762          | 15,568          | 15,548          | 15,654          | 15,816          | 15,900          |
| VA                  | 6,178           | 6,466           | 6,527           | 6,531           | 6,792           | 6,616           |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV    | 18,729          | 18,925          | 19,549          | 19,366          | 19,465          | 18,923          |
| 19 State Total      | 205,353         | *204,597        | *208,962        | 206,835         | *206,780        | 206,590         |
| Previous Year Total | 200,465         | 204,257         | 203,712         | 203,819         | 202,068         | 201,582         |
| Pct. of Prev. Year  | 102             | 100             | 103             | 101             | 102             | 102             |

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**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

| State               | Week Ending     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                     | Mar 27<br>2010  | Apr 3<br>2010   | Apr 10<br>2010  | Apr 17<br>2010  | Apr 24<br>2010  | May 1<br>2010   |
|                     | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL                  | 20,850          | 20,504          | 20,790          | *21,377         | *20,340         | 21,540          |
| AR                  | 21,428          | 21,932          | 21,793          | 20,910          | *21,719         | 22,217          |
| DE                  | 4,391           | 4,672           | 4,654           | 5,404           | *4,850          | 5,150           |
| FL                  | 1,076           | 972             | 944             | 1,102           | 1,140           | 955             |
| GA                  | 27,287          | 26,235          | 26,788          | 26,360          | 25,735          | 27,203          |
| KY                  | 6,236           | 6,837           | 6,792           | 6,001           | 6,175           | 6,716           |
| LA                  | 3,059           | 3,023           | 3,112           | 3,134           | 3,187           | 3,148           |
| MD                  | 6,223           | 6,099           | 7,133           | 5,735           | *6,353          | 6,588           |
| MS                  | 16,766          | 16,463          | 17,012          | 16,879          | 16,766          | 16,770          |
| NC                  | 15,853          | 15,705          | 15,088          | 15,600          | 15,578          | 15,383          |
| OK                  | 4,347           | 3,290           | 5,179           | 4,399           | 3,507           | 3,563           |
| PA                  | 2,943           | 3,036           | 3,020           | 3,029           | *2,907          | 2,981           |
| SC                  | 4,114           | 4,775           | 5,416           | 5,344           | 5,781           | 4,485           |
| TX                  | 12,840          | 12,984          | 13,021          | 12,462          | 12,825          | 12,931          |
| VA                  | 5,328           | 5,316           | 4,840           | 4,658           | 5,035           | 5,037           |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV    | 16,422          | 16,683          | 16,952          | 16,772          | 17,468          | 17,596          |
| 19 State Total      | 169,163         | 168,526         | 172,534         | *169,166        | *169,366        | 172,263         |
| Previous Year Total | 167,562         | 168,792         | 167,137         | 166,888         | 169,887         | 169,262         |
| Pct. of Prev. Year  | 101             | 100             | 103             | 101             | 100             | 102             |

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