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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 16, 2008. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 16, 2008. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through February 16, 2008 were 1.24 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	: Jan 12	: Jan 19	: Jan 26	: Feb 2	: Feb 9	: Feb 16
	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008
Thousand						
AL	: 32,012	: 32,173	*31,655	*31,428	31,908	31,899
AR	: 28,042	: 28,286	28,269	28,566	*28,518	28,156
DE	: 4,057	: 4,026	4,162	4,095	3,868	3,999
FL	: 1,369	: 1,368	1,368	1,369	1,369	1,369
GA	: 34,851	: 35,121	*35,523	*35,895	*35,460	35,318
KY	: 7,570	: 7,306	*7,890	7,478	7,861	7,393
LA	: 3,685	: 3,920	3,893	3,863	*3,984	3,924
MD	: 8,969	: 8,980	9,005	9,025	9,104	9,067
MS	: 18,495	: 18,769	18,717	18,826	18,661	18,510
NC	: 19,822	: 19,512	*19,664	19,548	19,506	19,870
OK	: 6,585	: 6,351	6,490	6,661	*6,305	6,487
PA	: 4,345	: 4,405	4,223	4,261	*4,334	4,391
SC	: 5,660	: 5,345	5,435	5,440	*5,714	5,693
TX	: 14,934	: 15,586	*15,656	15,663	15,543	15,710
VA	: 5,999	: 6,324	6,118	6,326	6,341	6,428
CA, MO, TN, & WV	: 19,049	: 19,027	19,657	19,920	*19,548	19,817
19 State Total	: 215,444	: 216,499	*217,725	*218,364	*218,024	218,031
Previous Year Total	: 211,204	: 208,591	210,236	211,617	212,295	214,750
Pct. of Prev. Year	:	102	104	104	103	103
	102	104	104	103	103	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	: Jan 12	: Jan 19	: Jan 26	: Feb 2	: Feb 9	: Feb 16
	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008
Thousand						
AL	: 21,432	: 21,012	*20,862	*21,220	*21,019	20,836
AR	: 23,960	: 24,422	24,147	23,399	*22,526	23,171
DE	: 5,353	: 4,586	5,651	4,889	4,917	4,397
FL	: 1,394	: 1,469	1,332	1,384	1,417	1,382
GA	: 28,947	: 28,519	29,572	*27,825	*28,747	28,930
KY	: 6,177	: 6,138	5,959	6,126	6,229	6,652
LA	: 3,467	: 3,698	3,627	3,913	4,033	3,606
MD	: 5,608	: 5,996	5,725	5,978	6,197	7,230
MS	: 17,622	: 17,337	16,482	16,803	17,234	17,136
NC	: 16,012	: 16,299	15,687	16,384	*16,153	16,057
OK	: 4,942	: 4,723	4,598	4,752	*5,171	5,688
PA	: 3,203	: 3,180	3,183	*3,256	*3,339	3,208
SC	: 5,170	: 5,214	4,860	4,972	*4,789	5,061
TX	: 12,937	: 12,885	12,812	12,513	12,929	12,890
VA	: 5,138	: 5,531	5,088	5,108	5,010	4,700
CA, MO, TN, & WV	: 17,150	: 17,774	17,846	17,477	*17,164	16,897
19 State Total	: 178,512	: 178,783	*177,431	*175,999	*176,874	177,841
Previous Year Total	: 171,178	: 172,806	171,642	171,953	170,798	171,611
Pct. of Prev. Year	:	104	103	103	102	104
	104	103	103	102	104	104

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