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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 24, 2008. This was down 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 24, 2008. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through May 24, 2008 were 3.74 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | : Apr 19 | : Apr 26 | : May 3 | : May 10 | : May 17 | : May 24 |
| | : 2008 | : 2008 | : 2008 | : 2008 | : 2008 | : 2008 |
| Thousand | | | | | | |
| AL | : 31,966 | : 32,212 | : 31,637 | : 31,858 | : 32,089 | : 31,900 |
| AR | : 26,532 | : 27,071 | : 27,317 | : 26,611 | : 27,150 | : 27,244 |
| DE | : 3,942 | : 3,721 | : 3,721 | : 3,718 | *3,728 | : 3,717 |
| FL | : 1,327 | : 1,331 | : 1,346 | : 1,336 | : 1,331 | : 1,336 |
| GA | : 34,651 | : 33,997 | : 34,630 | : 34,053 | : 34,854 | : 34,500 |
| KY | : *7,922 | : 7,255 | *8,089 | : 8,124 | : 8,125 | : 8,110 |
| LA | : 3,712 | : 3,712 | : 3,712 | : 3,712 | : 3,650 | : 3,682 |
| MD | : 8,995 | : 8,223 | : 8,812 | : 8,840 | *8,796 | : 8,771 |
| MS | : 18,877 | : 18,999 | : 18,266 | : 18,893 | : 19,060 | : 18,948 |
| NC | : 19,533 | : 19,475 | *19,314 | : 19,631 | : 19,711 | : 19,815 |
| OK | : 6,578 | : 6,353 | : 6,655 | : 6,782 | : 6,859 | : 6,761 |
| PA | : 4,400 | : 4,193 | *4,231 | *4,442 | *4,345 | : 4,334 |
| SC | : 5,554 | : 5,420 | : 5,371 | : 5,491 | : 5,718 | : 5,556 |
| TX | : 15,076 | : 15,346 | : 14,656 | : 14,846 | : 15,477 | : 15,495 |
| VA | : 5,791 | : 6,211 | *6,444 | : 5,939 | *6,429 | : 6,257 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | : 19,966 | : 19,700 | : 19,641 | : 19,640 | : 20,205 | : 20,027 |
| 19 State Total | : *214,822 | : 213,219 | *213,842 | *213,916 | *217,527 | : 216,453 |
| Previous Year Total | : 220,515 | : 218,515 | : 218,353 | : 219,938 | : 219,928 | : 219,527 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | : 97 | : 98 | : 98 | : 97 | : 99 | : 99 |

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Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | : Apr 19 | : Apr 26 | : May 3 | : May 10 | : May 17 | : May 24 |
| | : 2008 | : 2008 | : 2008 | : 2008 | : 2008 | : 2008 |
| Thousand | | | | | | |
| AL | : 21,674 | : 20,738 | : 21,475 | : 21,111 | : 21,200 | : 21,743 |
| AR | : 22,047 | : 23,316 | : 23,873 | : 22,589 | *22,853 | : 24,833 |
| DE | : 4,867 | : 4,584 | : 4,851 | : 5,746 | *4,321 | : 4,949 |
| FL | : 1,191 | : 1,255 | : 1,145 | : 1,271 | : 1,138 | : 1,136 |
| GA | : 28,784 | : 29,038 | : 27,781 | : 28,571 | : 28,094 | : 29,100 |
| KY | : 6,467 | : 6,793 | : 6,730 | *6,246 | : 5,434 | : 6,197 |
| LA | : 3,607 | : 3,344 | : 3,784 | : 3,147 | : 3,634 | : 3,474 |
| MD | : 6,590 | : 7,121 | : 6,258 | : 6,021 | *5,712 | : 6,008 |
| MS | : 17,291 | : 17,359 | : 17,060 | : 17,145 | : 17,383 | : 16,556 |
| NC | : 15,649 | : 16,128 | : 16,510 | : 16,014 | : 16,120 | : 16,089 |
| OK | : 4,964 | : 5,213 | : 4,447 | : 5,430 | *5,136 | : 3,882 |
| PA | : 3,277 | : 3,254 | *3,234 | *3,254 | *3,298 | : 3,250 |
| SC | : 4,418 | : 4,434 | : 5,151 | : 4,812 | : 4,997 | : 4,618 |
| TX | : 13,108 | : 12,730 | : 13,324 | : 12,709 | : 12,859 | : 12,535 |
| VA | : 5,021 | : 4,767 | *4,948 | : 4,077 | *5,113 | : 4,976 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | : 18,201 | : 18,143 | : 17,050 | : 18,442 | : 18,014 | : 17,229 |
| 19 State Total | : 177,156 | : 178,217 | *177,621 | *176,585 | *175,306 | : 176,575 |
| Previous Year Total | : 177,686 | : 180,188 | : 180,084 | : 180,594 | : 178,545 | : 179,069 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | : 100 | : 99 | : 99 | : 98 | : 98 | : 99 |

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