



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 29, 2003. This was down 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 29, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through March 29, 2003 were 2.15 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 22 2003	Mar 1 2003	Mar 8 2003	Mar 15 2003	Mar 22 2003	Mar 29 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,185	28,387	*27,895	28,229	28,227	27,832
AR	30,762	30,603	*30,315	29,371	29,982	29,511
DE	3,288	3,500	3,539	3,765	3,711	3,633
FL	1,598	1,627	*1,630	1,532	1,634	1,597
GA	31,336	31,708	*31,946	30,759	30,862	30,796
KY	6,358	6,457	*6,740	6,200	*6,316	6,291
MD	9,351	9,371	10,110	10,053	*9,509	9,487
MS	18,749	19,066	19,097	18,882	19,110	19,116
NC	18,728	18,788	*18,816	18,588	18,680	18,985
OK	6,632	6,373	6,465	6,672	*6,580	6,219
PA	3,136	3,427	3,599	*3,496	*3,446	3,519
SC	4,823	4,857	4,814	4,842	4,903	4,983
TX	14,801	14,810	14,750	14,743	14,495	14,750
VA	6,562	6,720	6,711	6,632	6,637	6,714
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	20,275	20,615	*20,897	*20,331	*20,871	20,705
19 State Total	204,584	206,309	*207,324	*204,095	*204,963	204,138
Previous Year Total	211,110	210,211	209,711	208,001	208,762	207,728
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	98	99	98	98	98

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 22 2003	Mar 1 2003	Mar 8 2003	Mar 15 2003	Mar 22 2003	Mar 29 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,200	20,287	21,816	21,479	21,568	20,954
AR	24,509	24,680	25,491	23,738	*24,173	24,592
DE	5,189	4,997	4,688	4,570	*4,988	5,388
FL	1,491	1,752	1,798	1,668	1,566	1,632
GA	25,415	25,634	24,378	*24,826	*25,486	25,212
KY	5,491	5,503	5,204	5,265	5,298	5,558
MD	5,695	5,920	5,242	6,260	*6,108	6,067
MS	15,757	15,534	15,579	15,850	16,374	16,390
NC	14,011	14,332	14,199	14,729	*15,066	15,134
OK	4,091	4,840	3,634	4,458	4,825	4,357
PA	2,523	2,422	2,479	*2,358	*2,528	2,638
SC	3,708	3,134	4,812	4,430	*3,827	4,020
TX	11,869	11,657	11,952	12,373	12,399	12,247
VA	5,286	5,847	5,854	5,334	5,258	5,449
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,234	16,980	*17,617	*19,992	*19,363	19,623
19 State Total	*164,469	163,519	*164,743	*167,330	*168,827	169,261
Previous Year Total	170,461	169,215	171,686	172,382	171,346	171,323
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	97	96	97	99	99

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