



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 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 5, 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 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 5, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through April 5, 2003 were 2.32 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 1 2003	Mar 8 2003	Mar 15 2003	Mar 22 2003	Mar 29 2003	Apr 5 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,387	27,895	*28,325	28,227	*27,815	28,204
AR	30,603	30,315	*29,522	29,982	29,511	30,672
DE	3,500	3,539	3,765	3,711	3,633	3,859
FL	1,627	1,630	*1,452	1,634	1,597	1,573
GA	*31,995	*32,278	*31,387	*31,212	*31,092	31,778
KY	6,457	6,740	*6,430	6,316	6,291	6,485
MD	9,371	10,110	10,053	9,509	*9,516	10,050
MS	19,066	19,097	18,882	19,110	19,116	19,229
NC	18,788	18,816	*18,489	18,680	18,985	18,622
OK	6,373	6,465	6,672	6,580	6,219	6,607
PA	3,427	3,599	3,496	*3,405	*3,841	3,581
SC	4,857	4,814	4,842	4,903	4,983	4,911
TX	*14,832	*14,722	*14,750	*14,502	*14,756	14,990
VA	6,720	6,711	6,632	6,637	6,714	6,521
CA, MO, LA, TN, & WV	*20,544	*20,808	20,331	20,871	*20,693	20,818
19 State Total	*206,547	*207,539	*205,028	*205,279	*204,762	207,900
Previous Year Total	210,211	209,711	208,001	208,762	207,728	212,490
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	99	98	99	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 1 2003	Mar 8 2003	Mar 15 2003	Mar 22 2003	Mar 29 2003	Apr 5 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,287	21,816	*21,484	21,568	*21,078	21,442
AR	24,680	25,491	23,738	24,173	24,592	23,746
DE	4,997	4,688	4,570	4,988	*5,270	5,258
FL	1,752	1,798	1,668	1,566	1,632	1,392
GA	25,634	24,378	*25,065	*25,718	*25,471	25,219
KY	*5,532	*5,739	*4,964	*5,343	*5,171	5,324
MD	5,920	5,242	6,260	6,108	*6,258	6,592
MS	15,534	15,579	15,850	16,374	16,390	16,209
NC	14,332	14,199	14,729	15,066	15,134	14,897
OK	4,840	3,634	4,458	4,825	4,357	4,851
PA	2,422	2,479	2,358	*2,588	*2,639	2,545
SC	3,134	4,812	4,430	3,827	4,020	4,201
TX	11,657	*11,970	*12,391	*12,417	*12,265	12,194
VA	5,847	5,854	5,334	5,258	*5,407	5,358
CA, MO, LA, TN, & WV	16,980	*17,551	*19,940	*19,306	*19,566	18,444
19 State Total	*163,548	*165,230	*167,239	*169,125	*169,250	167,672
Previous Year Total	169,215	171,686	172,382	171,346	171,323	168,978
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	96	97	99	99	99

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