



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 12, 2003. This was down 1 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 12, 2003. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through April 12, 2003 were 2.49 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 8 2003	Mar 15 2003	Mar 22 2003	Mar 29 2003	Apr 5 2003	Apr 12 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,895	28,325	*28,537	27,815	28,204	28,843
AR	30,315	29,522	29,982	29,511	30,672	30,527
DE	3,539	3,765	3,711	3,633	3,859	3,753
FL	1,630	1,452	1,634	1,597	*1,687	1,491
GA	32,278	*31,553	*31,496	31,092	*32,089	32,081
KY	6,740	6,430	*6,821	*6,581	*6,775	6,500
MD	10,110	10,053	9,509	9,516	10,050	10,069
MS	19,097	18,882	19,110	19,116	19,229	19,231
NC	18,816	*18,253	*18,876	18,985	18,622	18,904
OK	6,465	6,672	6,580	6,219	*6,620	6,458
PA	3,599	3,496	3,405	*3,996	*3,848	3,679
SC	4,814	4,842	4,903	4,983	4,911	4,958
TX	14,722	14,750	*14,302	14,756	14,990	15,153
VA	6,711	6,632	6,637	6,714	6,521	6,502
CA, MO, LA, TN, & WV	20,808	20,331	*20,882	20,693	*20,821	20,877
19 State Total	207,539	*204,958	*206,385	*205,207	*208,898	209,026
Previous Year Total	209,711	208,001	208,762	207,728	212,490	211,198
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	99	98	99

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 8 2003	Mar 15 2003	Mar 22 2003	Mar 29 2003	Apr 5 2003	Apr 12 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,816	21,484	21,568	21,078	21,442	21,439
AR	25,491	23,738	24,173	24,592	*23,750	23,255
DE	4,688	4,570	4,988	5,270	5,258	4,973
FL	1,798	1,668	1,566	1,632	*1,608	1,892
GA	24,378	25,065	25,718	25,471	*25,095	25,447
KY	5,739	4,964	5,343	5,171	5,324	5,945
MD	5,242	6,260	6,108	6,258	6,592	6,341
MS	15,579	15,850	16,374	16,390	16,209	16,425
NC	14,199	14,729	15,066	15,134	14,897	15,268
OK	3,634	4,458	4,825	4,357	*4,850	5,474
PA	2,479	2,358	2,588	*2,713	*2,478	2,538
SC	4,812	4,430	3,827	4,020	4,201	3,498
TX	11,970	12,391	12,417	12,265	12,194	11,888
VA	5,854	5,334	5,258	5,407	5,358	5,149
CA, MO, LA, TN, & WV	17,551	19,940	19,306	19,566	*18,468	19,506
19 State Total	165,230	167,239	169,125	*169,324	*167,724	169,038
Previous Year Total	171,686	172,382	171,346	171,323	168,978	169,433
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	97	99	99	99	100

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