



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 19, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 19, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through April 19, 2003 were 2.66 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 15 2003	Mar 22 2003	Mar 29 2003	Apr 5 2003	Apr 12 2003	Apr 19 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,325	28,537	*28,110	28,204	28,843	28,250
AR	29,522	29,982	29,511	30,672	30,527	30,670
DE	3,765	3,711	3,633	3,859	3,753	4,007
FL	1,452	1,634	1,597	1,687	1,491	1,602
GA	31,553	*31,571	*31,001	32,089	32,081	31,530
KY	6,430	6,821	*6,368	6,775	6,500	6,529
MD	10,053	9,509	9,516	10,050	10,069	9,924
MS	18,882	19,110	19,116	19,229	19,231	19,023
NC	18,253	18,876	*19,163	18,622	18,904	19,253
OK	6,672	6,580	6,219	6,620	6,458	6,513
PA	3,496	3,405	3,996	*4,010	*3,821	3,854
SC	4,842	4,903	4,983	4,911	4,958	4,578
TX	14,750	14,302	14,756	14,990	15,153	15,220
VA	6,632	6,637	6,714	6,521	6,502	6,692
CA, MO, LA, TN, & WV	20,331	20,882	20,693	20,821	*20,867	21,148
19 State Total	204,958	*206,460	*205,376	*209,060	*209,158	208,793
Previous Year Total	208,493	208,998	207,957	212,708	211,681	211,242
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	99	98	99	99

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 15 2003	Mar 22 2003	Mar 29 2003	Apr 5 2003	Apr 12 2003	Apr 19 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,484	21,568	21,078	21,442	21,439	21,366
AR	23,738	24,173	24,592	23,750	23,255	24,054
DE	4,570	4,988	5,270	5,258	4,973	5,266
FL	1,668	1,566	1,632	1,608	1,892	1,638
GA	25,065	25,718	*25,472	*25,057	*25,162	23,921
KY	4,964	5,343	5,171	5,324	5,945	5,696
MD	6,260	6,108	6,258	6,592	6,341	5,945
MS	15,850	16,374	16,390	16,209	16,425	16,579
NC	14,729	15,066	15,134	14,897	15,268	15,033
OK	4,458	4,825	4,357	4,850	5,474	4,389
PA	2,358	2,588	2,713	*2,655	*2,564	2,654
SC	4,430	3,827	4,020	4,201	3,498	4,088
TX	12,391	12,417	12,265	12,194	11,888	12,314
VA	5,334	5,258	5,407	5,358	5,149	5,506
CA, MO, LA, TN, & WV	19,940	19,306	19,566	18,468	*19,508	18,306
19 State Total	167,239	169,125	*169,325	*167,863	*168,781	166,755
Previous Year Total	171,697	171,084	170,726	168,672	169,829	168,903
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	99	99	100	99	99

* Revised