



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 26, 2003. This was down slightly 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 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 26, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through April 26, 2003 were 2.83 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 22 2003	Mar 29 2003	Apr 5 2003	Apr 12 2003	Apr 19 2003	Apr 26 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,537	28,110	*28,714	28,843	28,250	28,719
AR	29,982	29,511	30,672	30,527	30,670	30,900
DE	3,711	3,633	3,859	3,753	4,007	3,634
FL	1,634	1,597	1,687	1,491	1,602	1,731
GA	31,571	*31,200	*32,083	32,081	*31,700	31,795
KY	6,821	*5,961	*7,095	6,500	*6,518	7,142
MD	9,509	9,516	10,050	10,069	9,924	9,613
MS	19,110	19,116	19,229	19,231	*19,037	18,575
NC	18,876	19,163	*19,180	18,904	19,253	19,275
OK	6,580	6,219	6,620	6,458	6,513	6,511
PA	3,405	3,996	4,010	*3,929	*3,877	3,713
SC	4,903	4,983	4,911	4,958	4,578	4,771
TX	14,302	14,756	14,990	15,153	15,220	15,012
VA	6,637	6,714	6,521	6,502	6,692	6,628
CA, MO, LA, TN, & WV	20,882	20,693	20,821	20,867	*20,405	21,199
19 State Total	206,460	*205,168	*210,442	*209,266	*208,246	209,218
Previous Year Total	208,998	207,957	212,708	211,681	211,242	210,178
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	99	99	100

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 22 2003	Mar 29 2003	Apr 5 2003	Apr 12 2003	Apr 19 2003	Apr 26 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,568	21,078	21,442	21,439	21,366	21,554
AR	24,173	24,592	23,750	23,255	24,054	25,096
DE	4,988	5,270	5,258	4,973	5,266	5,899
FL	1,566	1,632	1,608	1,892	1,638	1,634
GA	25,718	25,472	25,057	25,162	*24,127	25,622
KY	5,343	5,171	5,324	5,945	*5,717	6,203
MD	6,108	6,258	6,592	6,341	5,945	5,600
MS	16,374	16,390	16,209	16,425	*16,572	16,549
NC	15,066	15,134	14,897	15,268	15,033	14,780
OK	4,825	4,357	4,850	5,474	4,389	4,424
PA	2,588	2,713	2,655	*2,565	*2,760	2,736
SC	3,827	4,020	4,201	3,498	4,088	4,206
TX	12,417	12,265	12,194	11,888	12,314	12,405
VA	5,258	5,407	5,358	5,149	5,506	5,986
CA, MO, LA, TN, & WV	19,306	19,566	18,468	19,508	*18,310	19,087
19 State Total	169,125	169,325	167,863	*168,782	*167,085	171,781
Previous Year Total	171,084	170,726	168,672	169,829	168,903	172,792
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	100	99	99	99

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