



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 May 3, 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 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 3, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through May 3, 2003 were 3.00 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 29 2003	Apr 5 2003	Apr 12 2003	Apr 19 2003	Apr 26 2003	May 3 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,110	28,714	*28,893	28,250	28,719	28,660
AR	29,511	30,672	30,527	30,670	30,900	30,946
DE	3,633	3,859	3,753	4,007	3,634	3,699
FL	1,597	1,687	*1,581	1,602	1,731	1,643
GA	31,200	32,083	*32,157	31,700	31,795	31,864
KY	5,961	*6,896	*6,130	*6,318	*6,693	6,707
MD	9,516	10,050	10,069	9,924	9,613	9,555
MS	19,116	19,229	19,231	19,037	18,575	19,109
NC	19,163	19,180	*18,923	19,253	19,275	18,815
OK	6,219	6,620	6,458	6,513	6,511	6,498
PA	3,996	4,010	3,929	*3,653	*3,639	3,795
SC	4,983	4,911	4,958	4,578	4,771	4,858
TX	14,756	14,990	15,153	15,220	15,012	15,045
VA	6,714	6,521	6,502	6,692	6,628	6,626
CA, MO, LA, TN, & WV	20,693	20,821	20,867	20,405	*21,018	20,804
19 State Total	205,168	*210,243	*209,131	*207,822	*208,514	208,624
Previous Year Total	207,957	212,708	211,681	211,242	210,178	209,812
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	98	99	99

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 29 2003	Apr 5 2003	Apr 12 2003	Apr 19 2003	Apr 26 2003	May 3 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,078	21,442	21,439	21,366	21,554	21,936
AR	24,592	23,750	23,255	24,054	25,096	25,120
DE	5,270	5,258	4,973	5,266	5,899	5,681
FL	1,632	1,608	1,892	1,638	1,634	1,651
GA	25,472	25,057	25,162	24,127	*25,828	26,407
KY	5,171	5,324	5,945	5,717	*6,053	5,138
MD	6,258	6,592	6,341	5,945	5,600	5,878
MS	16,390	16,209	16,425	16,572	16,549	16,217
NC	15,134	14,897	15,268	15,033	14,780	15,050
OK	4,357	4,850	5,474	4,389	4,424	4,181
PA	2,713	2,655	2,565	*2,679	*2,602	2,707
SC	4,020	4,201	3,498	4,088	4,206	3,380
TX	12,265	12,194	11,888	12,314	12,405	12,583
VA	5,407	5,358	5,149	5,506	5,986	5,849
CA, MO, LA, TN, & WV	19,566	18,468	19,508	18,310	*18,417	19,717
19 State Total	169,325	167,863	168,782	*167,004	*171,033	171,495
Previous Year Total	170,726	168,672	169,829	168,903	172,792	172,635
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	99	99	99	99

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