



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 10, 2003. This was down 3 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 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 10, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through May 10, 2003 were 3.17 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Beginning May 14, 2003 Louisiana data is being published separately. Other States Total category includes California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 5 2003	Apr 12 2003	Apr 19 2003	Apr 26 2003	May 3 2003	May 10 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,714	28,893	*28,096	28,719	28,660	28,450
AR	30,672	30,527	30,670	30,900	*30,764	30,235
DE	3,859	3,753	4,007	3,634	3,699	3,680
FL	1,687	1,581	1,602	1,731	1,643	1,639
GA	*32,331	*32,470	*31,789	31,795	31,864	31,837
KY	6,896	6,130	*6,350	*6,425	*6,659	5,651
LA	3,696	3,756	3,695	3,740	3,696	3,363
MD	10,050	10,069	9,924	9,613	*9,583	9,626
MS	19,229	19,231	19,037	18,575	19,109	18,766
NC	19,180	18,923	*19,321	19,275	18,815	18,937
OK	6,620	6,458	6,513	6,511	6,498	6,015
PA	4,010	3,929	3,653	*3,670	*3,598	3,779
SC	4,911	4,958	4,578	4,771	4,858	5,018
TX	*14,994	*15,156	*15,224	*15,016	*15,050	15,066
VA	6,521	6,502	6,692	6,628	6,626	6,622
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,053	*17,042	*17,710	17,278	*17,725	17,192
19 State Total	*210,423	*209,378	*208,861	*208,281	*208,847	205,876
Previous Year Total	212,708	211,681	211,242	210,178	209,812	211,162
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	99	100	97

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 5 2003	Apr 12 2003	Apr 19 2003	Apr 26 2003	May 3 2003	May 10 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,442	21,439	*21,359	21,554	21,936	21,208
AR	23,750	23,255	24,054	25,096	25,120	25,219
DE	5,258	4,973	5,266	5,899	*5,821	5,200
FL	1,608	1,892	1,638	1,634	1,651	1,853
GA	25,057	25,162	24,127	*25,688	*26,357	24,206
KY	5,324	5,945	5,717	*6,071	*5,164	5,654
LA	3,787	3,496	3,430	3,641	4,070	3,508
MD	6,592	6,341	5,945	5,600	*5,744	6,546
MS	16,209	16,425	16,572	16,549	16,217	16,277
NC	14,897	15,268	15,033	14,780	*15,077	15,184
OK	4,850	5,474	4,389	4,424	4,181	4,394
PA	2,655	2,565	2,679	*2,637	*2,672	2,637
SC	4,201	3,498	4,088	4,206	*3,424	4,282
TX	*12,197	*11,890	*12,317	*12,407	*12,586	12,646
VA	5,358	5,149	5,506	5,986	5,849	5,945
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*14,626	*15,953	*14,826	*14,719	*15,585	15,326
19 State Total	*167,811	*168,725	*166,946	*170,891	*171,454	170,085
Previous Year Total	168,672	169,829	168,903	172,792	172,635	172,081
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	99	99	99

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