



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 17, 2003. This was down 2 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 17, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through May 17, 2003 were 3.34 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 12 2003	Apr 19 2003	Apr 26 2003	May 3 2003	May 10 2003	May 17 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,893	28,096	*28,370	28,660	28,450	28,809
AR	30,527	30,670	30,900	30,764	30,235	30,748
DE	3,753	4,007	3,634	3,699	3,680	3,672
FL	1,581	1,602	1,731	1,643	*1,597	1,529
GA	32,470	*31,860	*31,677	31,864	*31,950	32,674
KY	6,130	6,350	*6,561	6,659	5,651	6,376
LA	3,756	3,695	3,740	3,696	3,363	3,923
MD	10,069	9,924	9,613	9,583	9,626	9,580
MS	19,231	19,037	18,575	19,109	18,766	19,380
NC	18,923	19,321	*19,184	18,815	18,937	18,933
OK	6,458	6,513	6,511	6,498	6,015	6,508
PA	3,929	3,653	3,670	*3,627	*3,687	3,419
SC	4,958	4,578	4,771	4,858	5,018	4,979
TX	15,156	15,224	15,016	15,050	15,066	15,080
VA	6,502	6,692	6,628	6,626	6,622	6,621
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,052	*17,721	17,278	17,725	*17,183	16,788
19 State Total	*209,388	*208,943	*207,859	*208,876	*205,846	209,019
Previous Year Total	211,681	211,242	210,178	209,812	211,162	213,431
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	100	97	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 12 2003	Apr 19 2003	Apr 26 2003	May 3 2003	May 10 2003	May 17 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,439	21,359	21,554	21,936	21,208	21,681
AR	23,255	24,054	25,096	25,120	*25,204	24,690
DE	4,973	5,266	5,899	5,821	*5,298	5,376
FL	1,892	1,638	1,634	1,651	*1,859	1,899
GA	25,162	*23,803	25,688	26,357	*24,673	24,555
KY	5,945	5,717	6,071	5,164	5,654	5,341
LA	3,496	3,430	3,641	4,070	3,508	3,918
MD	6,341	5,945	5,600	5,744	*6,278	5,675
MS	16,425	16,572	16,549	16,217	16,277	16,014
NC	15,268	15,033	14,780	15,077	15,184	15,019
OK	5,474	4,389	4,424	4,181	4,394	5,105
PA	2,565	2,679	2,637	*2,691	*2,646	2,478
SC	3,498	4,088	4,206	3,424	4,282	4,245
TX	11,890	12,317	12,407	12,586	12,646	12,574
VA	5,149	5,506	5,986	5,849	5,945	5,806
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,953	*14,835	*14,720	*15,594	*15,345	15,646
19 State Total	168,725	*166,631	*170,892	*171,482	*170,401	170,022
Previous Year Total	169,829	168,903	172,792	172,635	172,081	171,004
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	99	99	99

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