



# 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 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 24, 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 Up Slightly**

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 24, 2003. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through May 24, 2003 were 3.51 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 19 2003	Apr 26 2003	May 3 2003	May 10 2003	May 17 2003	May 24 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,096	28,370	*28,714	28,450	28,809	28,857
AR	30,670	30,900	30,764	30,235	30,748	30,963
DE	4,007	3,634	3,699	3,680	3,672	3,892
FL	1,602	1,731	*1,503	1,597	1,529	1,329
GA	31,860	31,677	*31,893	31,950	32,674	32,467
KY	6,350	6,561	*6,932	5,651	6,376	6,401
LA	3,695	3,740	3,696	3,363	3,923	3,953
MD	9,924	9,613	9,583	9,626	*9,705	9,745
MS	19,037	18,575	19,109	18,766	19,380	19,537
NC	19,321	19,184	*18,862	18,937	18,933	18,924
OK	6,513	6,511	6,498	6,015	6,508	6,557
PA	3,653	3,670	3,627	3,687	*3,566	3,653
SC	4,578	4,771	4,858	5,018	4,979	4,989
TX	15,224	15,016	15,050	15,066	15,080	15,090
VA	6,692	6,628	6,626	6,622	6,621	6,620
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,721	17,278	17,725	17,183	16,788	17,062
19 State Total	208,943	207,859	*209,139	205,846	*209,291	210,039
Previous Year Total	211,242	210,178	209,812	211,162	213,431	213,027
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	100	97	98	99

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 19 2003	Apr 26 2003	May 3 2003	May 10 2003	May 17 2003	May 24 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,359	21,554	21,936	21,208	21,681	21,918
AR	24,054	25,096	25,120	25,204	24,690	24,987
DE	5,266	5,899	5,821	5,298	*5,085	5,181
FL	1,638	1,634	*1,975	1,859	1,899	1,749
GA	23,803	25,688	26,357	24,673	24,555	25,550
KY	5,717	6,071	5,164	5,654	5,341	5,911
LA	3,430	3,641	4,070	3,508	3,918	3,820
MD	5,945	5,600	5,744	6,278	*6,158	6,259
MS	16,572	16,549	16,217	16,277	16,014	16,667
NC	15,033	14,780	15,077	15,184	15,019	15,110
OK	4,389	4,424	4,181	4,394	5,105	4,658
PA	2,679	2,637	2,691	2,646	*2,618	2,676
SC	4,088	4,206	3,424	4,282	4,245	3,852
TX	12,317	12,407	12,586	12,646	12,574	12,563
VA	5,506	5,986	5,849	5,945	*5,693	5,001
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,835	14,720	15,594	15,345	*15,806	15,921
19 State Total	166,631	170,892	*171,806	170,401	*170,401	171,823
Previous Year Total	168,903	172,792	172,635	172,081	171,004	171,336
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	100	99	100	100

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