



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 31, 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 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 31, 2003. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through May 31, 2003 were 3.68 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 26 2003	May 3 2003	May 10 2003	May 17 2003	May 24 2003	May 31 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,370	28,714	*28,362	28,809	*28,903	29,179
AR	30,900	30,764	30,235	30,748	30,963	30,302
DE	3,634	3,699	3,680	3,672	3,892	3,752
FL	1,731	1,503	*1,397	1,529	1,329	1,325
GA	31,677	31,893	*32,355	32,674	32,467	32,684
KY	6,561	*7,054	*6,371	6,376	*6,032	6,611
LA	3,740	3,696	*3,469	3,923	3,953	3,953
MD	9,613	9,583	9,626	9,705	*9,774	9,715
MS	18,575	19,109	18,766	19,380	*19,624	19,624
NC	19,184	18,862	*18,921	18,933	18,924	18,759
OK	6,511	6,498	6,015	6,508	6,557	6,452
PA	3,670	3,627	*3,836	*3,605	3,653	3,684
SC	4,771	4,858	5,018	4,979	4,989	4,845
TX	15,016	15,050	15,066	15,080	15,090	15,089
VA	6,628	6,626	6,622	6,621	6,620	6,617
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,195	*17,650	*17,096	*16,865	*17,387	17,279
19 State Total	*207,776	*209,186	*206,835	*209,407	*210,157	209,870
Previous Year Total	210,178	209,812	211,162	213,431	213,027	212,345
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	98	98	99	99

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 26 2003	May 3 2003	May 10 2003	May 17 2003	May 24 2003	May 31 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,554	21,936	21,208	21,681	*21,899	21,477
AR	25,096	25,120	25,204	24,690	24,987	23,857
DE	5,899	5,821	5,298	5,085	*4,848	3,956
FL	1,634	1,975	1,859	1,899	1,749	1,774
GA	25,688	26,357	24,673	24,555	*25,549	25,519
KY	6,071	5,164	5,654	5,341	*5,638	5,052
LA	3,641	4,070	3,508	3,918	3,820	3,623
MD	5,600	5,744	6,278	6,158	*6,380	6,984
MS	16,549	16,217	16,277	16,014	*16,506	16,036
NC	14,780	15,077	15,184	15,019	15,110	15,140
OK	4,424	4,181	4,394	5,105	4,658	4,303
PA	2,637	2,691	*2,677	*2,639	2,676	2,698
SC	4,206	3,424	4,282	4,245	3,852	4,388
TX	12,407	12,586	12,646	12,574	12,563	12,556
VA	5,986	5,849	5,945	5,693	*5,309	5,388
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,720	15,594	*15,286	*15,769	*15,905	16,419
19 State Total	170,892	171,806	*170,373	*170,385	*171,449	169,170
Previous Year Total	172,792	172,635	172,081	171,004	171,336	172,385
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	99	100	100	98

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