



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 7, 2003. This was down slightly 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 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 7, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through June 7, 2003 were 3.85 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					
	May 3 2003	May 10 2003	May 17 2003	May 24 2003	May 31 2003	Jun 7 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,714	28,362	*28,859	28,903	29,179	29,247
AR	30,764	30,235	*30,945	30,963	30,302	30,797
DE	3,699	3,680	3,672	3,892	3,752	3,761
FL	1,503	1,397	1,529	1,329	1,325	1,329
GA	31,893	*32,399	*32,804	32,467	32,684	32,625
KY	7,054	6,371	*6,558	6,032	*6,534	6,546
LA	3,696	3,469	3,923	3,953	3,953	3,953
MD	9,583	9,626	9,705	9,774	*9,737	9,790
MS	19,109	18,766	19,380	19,624	19,624	19,637
NC	18,862	18,921	*19,107	18,924	18,759	19,272
OK	6,498	6,015	6,508	6,557	6,452	6,633
PA	3,627	3,836	3,605	*4,010	*4,029	3,839
SC	4,858	5,018	4,979	4,989	4,845	5,006
TX	*15,045	*15,062	*15,058	*15,069	*15,068	14,920
VA	6,626	6,622	6,621	6,620	6,617	6,617
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,650	*17,106	16,865	17,387	*17,250	17,403
19 State Total	*209,181	*206,885	*210,118	*210,493	*210,110	211,375
Previous Year Total	209,812	211,162	213,431	213,027	212,345	212,336
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	98	98	99	99	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 3 2003	May 10 2003	May 17 2003	May 24 2003	May 31 2003	Jun 7 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,936	21,208	21,681	21,899	21,477	21,747
AR	25,120	25,204	24,690	24,987	*23,863	24,744
DE	5,821	5,298	5,085	4,848	*4,301	4,942
FL	1,975	1,859	1,899	1,749	1,774	1,450
GA	26,357	24,673	*24,720	*25,506	*25,507	25,942
KY	5,164	5,654	5,341	5,638	*5,049	5,904
LA	4,070	3,508	3,918	3,820	3,623	3,727
MD	5,744	6,278	6,158	6,380	*7,135	6,703
MS	16,217	16,277	16,014	16,506	16,036	16,655
NC	15,077	15,184	15,019	15,110	15,140	14,834
OK	4,181	4,394	5,105	4,658	4,303	5,314
PA	2,691	2,677	2,639	2,676	*2,821	2,688
SC	3,424	4,282	4,245	3,852	4,388	4,544
TX	12,586	*12,642	*12,570	*12,560	*12,552	12,503
VA	5,849	5,945	5,693	5,309	*5,165	5,055
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,594	15,286	*15,813	15,905	*16,421	14,893
19 State Total	171,806	*170,369	*170,590	*171,403	*169,555	171,645
Previous Year Total	172,635	172,081	171,004	171,336	172,385	174,118
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	100	100	98	99

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