



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 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 14, 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 14, 2003. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through June 14, 2003 were 4.03 billion, down 1 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 10 2003	May 17 2003	May 24 2003	May 31 2003	Jun 7 2003	Jun 14 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,362	28,859	*29,070	29,179	29,247	28,589
AR	30,235	30,945	30,963	30,302	30,797	31,052
DE	3,680	3,672	3,892	3,752	3,761	3,640
FL	1,397	*1,429	1,329	1,325	1,329	1,329
GA	32,399	32,804	*32,375	32,684	32,625	32,113
KY	6,371	*6,711	*6,569	*6,584	*6,623	6,579
LA	3,469	3,923	3,953	3,953	3,953	3,953
MD	9,626	9,705	9,774	*9,571	*9,572	9,569
MS	18,766	19,380	19,624	19,624	19,637	19,470
NC	18,921	19,107	*18,967	18,759	19,272	18,615
OK	6,015	*6,463	6,557	6,452	6,633	6,732
PA	*3,696	*3,561	*3,874	*3,997	*3,811	3,942
SC	5,018	4,979	4,989	4,845	*4,864	4,535
TX	15,062	15,058	15,069	15,068	14,920	14,888
VA	6,622	6,621	6,620	6,617	6,617	6,617
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,106	*16,857	*17,395	17,250	17,403	17,277
19 State Total	*206,745	*210,074	*211,020	*209,962	*211,064	208,900
Previous Year Total	211,162	213,431	213,027	212,345	212,336	210,870
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	99	99	99	99

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 10 2003	May 17 2003	May 24 2003	May 31 2003	Jun 7 2003	Jun 14 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,208	21,681	21,899	21,477	21,747	22,363
AR	25,204	24,690	24,987	23,863	24,744	24,094
DE	5,298	5,085	4,848	*4,316	*4,839	4,872
FL	1,859	*1,953	*1,876	*1,836	1,450	1,535
GA	*24,902	*24,641	*25,248	*25,325	*26,154	26,592
KY	5,654	5,341	5,638	5,049	*5,973	5,729
LA	3,508	3,918	3,820	3,623	3,727	4,013
MD	6,278	6,158	6,380	*7,114	*6,686	6,968
MS	16,277	16,014	16,506	16,036	16,655	16,786
NC	15,184	15,019	15,110	15,140	14,834	15,174
OK	*4,593	*5,276	*4,818	*4,471	*5,461	5,651
PA	2,677	2,639	2,676	*2,729	*2,750	2,837
SC	4,282	4,245	3,852	4,388	*4,668	3,713
TX	12,642	12,570	12,560	12,552	12,503	12,563
VA	5,945	5,693	5,309	5,165	5,055	5,079
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,391	*16,123	*15,927	*16,443	*14,673	15,379
19 State Total	*170,902	*171,046	*171,454	*169,527	*171,919	173,348
Previous Year Total	172,081	171,004	171,336	172,385	174,118	173,320
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	100	98	99	100

* Revised