



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 21, 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 21, 2003. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through June 21, 2003 were 4.20 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 17 2003	May 24 2003	May 31 2003	Jun 7 2003	Jun 14 2003	Jun 21 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,859	29,070	*29,026	29,247	28,589	28,236
AR	30,945	30,963	*30,369	30,797	31,052	30,754
DE	3,672	3,892	3,752	3,761	3,640	3,703
FL	1,429	1,329	*1,350	1,329	1,329	1,290
GA	*32,852	32,375	*32,622	32,625	*32,759	32,188
KY	6,711	*6,607	*6,644	6,623	6,579	6,506
LA	3,923	3,953	3,953	3,953	3,953	3,892
MD	9,705	9,774	9,571	9,572	*9,611	9,585
MS	19,380	19,624	19,624	19,637	19,470	18,952
NC	19,107	18,967	*18,737	19,272	18,615	18,911
OK	6,463	6,557	6,452	6,633	6,732	6,696
PA	3,561	3,874	3,997	*3,761	3,942	3,845
SC	4,979	4,989	4,845	4,864	4,535	4,576
TX	15,058	15,069	15,068	14,920	*14,807	14,827
VA	6,621	6,620	6,617	6,617	6,617	6,609
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,857	17,395	17,250	17,403	17,277	16,316
19 State Total	*210,122	*211,058	*209,877	*211,014	*209,507	206,886
Previous Year Total	213,431	213,027	212,345	212,336	210,870	207,561
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	99	99	99	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 17 2003	May 24 2003	May 31 2003	Jun 7 2003	Jun 14 2003	Jun 21 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,681	21,899	21,477	21,747	22,363	22,257
AR	24,690	24,987	23,863	24,744	24,094	24,892
DE	5,085	4,848	4,316	4,839	*4,722	5,579
FL	1,953	1,876	1,836	1,450	1,535	1,704
GA	24,641	25,248	25,325	*26,189	*26,619	26,389
KY	5,341	5,638	5,049	5,973	*5,744	5,640
LA	3,918	3,820	3,623	3,727	4,013	3,784
MD	6,158	6,380	7,114	6,686	*6,908	5,566
MS	16,014	16,506	16,036	16,655	16,786	16,759
NC	15,019	15,110	15,140	14,834	15,174	14,877
OK	5,276	4,818	4,471	5,461	5,651	4,119
PA	2,639	2,676	2,729	*2,735	*2,750	2,644
SC	4,245	3,852	4,388	4,668	3,713	4,144
TX	12,570	12,560	12,552	12,503	12,563	12,638
VA	5,693	5,309	5,165	5,055	*5,324	5,763
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,123	15,927	16,443	14,673	15,379	15,669
19 State Total	171,046	171,454	169,527	*171,939	*173,338	172,424
Previous Year Total	171,004	171,336	172,385	174,118	173,320	172,818
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	98	99	100	100

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