



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 28, 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 28, 2003. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through June 28, 2003 were 4.37 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 24 2003	May 31 2003	Jun 7 2003	Jun 14 2003	Jun 21 2003	Jun 28 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,070	29,026	*28,991	28,589	28,236	28,215
AR	30,963	30,369	30,797	31,052	30,754	29,935
DE	3,892	3,752	3,761	3,640	3,703	3,532
FL	1,329	1,350	1,329	1,329	1,290	1,327
GA	32,375	32,622	*32,745	32,759	32,188	32,360
KY	6,607	6,644	6,623	6,579	*6,609	6,215
LA	3,953	3,953	3,953	3,953	3,892	3,907
MD	9,774	9,571	9,572	9,611	9,585	9,563
MS	19,624	19,624	19,637	19,470	18,952	18,837
NC	18,967	18,737	*19,180	18,615	18,911	17,293
OK	6,557	6,452	6,633	6,732	6,696	6,451
PA	3,874	3,997	3,761	*3,836	*3,881	3,851
SC	4,989	4,845	4,864	4,535	4,576	4,452
TX	15,069	15,068	14,920	14,807	14,827	13,827
VA	6,620	6,617	6,617	6,617	6,609	6,356
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,395	*17,262	*17,386	17,277	*16,611	17,322
19 State Total	211,058	*209,889	*210,769	*209,401	*207,320	203,443
Previous Year Total	213,027	212,345	212,336	210,870	207,561	204,462
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	99	100	100

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	May 24 2003	May 31 2003	Jun 7 2003	Jun 14 2003	Jun 21 2003	Jun 28 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,899	21,477	21,747	22,363	22,257	22,095
AR	24,987	23,863	24,744	24,094	24,892	24,326
DE	4,848	4,316	4,839	4,722	5,579	5,556
FL	1,876	1,836	*1,762	1,535	1,704	1,793
GA	25,248	25,325	26,189	26,619	*26,399	26,764
KY	5,638	5,049	5,973	5,744	*5,761	5,547
LA	3,820	3,623	3,727	4,013	3,784	3,470
MD	6,380	7,114	6,686	6,908	5,566	5,484
MS	16,506	16,036	16,655	16,786	16,759	16,696
NC	15,110	15,140	14,834	15,174	14,877	15,269
OK	4,818	4,471	5,461	5,651	4,119	4,786
PA	2,676	2,729	2,735	*2,752	*2,672	2,707
SC	3,852	4,388	4,668	3,713	4,144	4,041
TX	12,560	12,552	12,503	12,563	12,638	12,525
VA	5,309	5,165	5,055	5,324	5,763	5,514
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,927	16,443	14,673	15,379	*15,875	15,581
19 State Total	171,454	169,527	*172,251	*173,340	*172,789	172,154
Previous Year Total	171,336	172,385	174,118	173,320	172,818	172,481
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	98	99	100	100	100

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