



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 12, 2003. This was down 2 percent 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 12, 2003. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through July 12, 2003 were 4.71 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 7 2003	Jun 14 2003	Jun 21 2003	Jun 28 2003	Jul 5 2003	Jul 12 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,991	28,531	*28,044	28,215	28,419	28,780
AR	30,797	31,052	30,754	29,935	30,676	30,669
DE	3,761	3,640	3,703	3,532	3,649	3,701
FL	1,329	1,329	*1,320	1,327	1,315	1,329
GA	32,909	*32,772	*32,191	32,360	31,848	32,401
KY	*6,716	*6,721	*6,489	*6,140	*6,597	6,679
LA	3,953	3,953	3,892	3,907	3,983	3,953
MD	9,572	9,611	9,585	9,563	9,267	9,482
MS	19,637	19,470	18,952	18,837	18,443	19,375
NC	19,180	18,615	*18,815	17,293	17,787	17,235
OK	6,633	6,732	6,696	6,430	5,922	6,424
PA	3,761	3,836	3,870	*3,454	*3,816	3,791
SC	4,864	4,535	4,576	4,347	4,415	4,427
TX	14,916	14,797	14,817	13,817	14,756	14,443
VA	6,617	6,617	6,609	6,356	6,538	6,259
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,393	17,277	16,611	17,282	*17,110	16,250
19 State Total	*211,029	*209,488	*206,924	*202,795	*204,541	205,198
Previous Year Total	212,336	210,870	207,561	204,462	206,891	209,239
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	100	99	99	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 7 2003	Jun 14 2003	Jun 21 2003	Jun 28 2003	Jul 5 2003	Jul 12 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,747	22,363	22,257	22,095	21,694	21,518
AR	24,744	24,094	24,892	24,413	25,195	24,296
DE	4,839	4,722	5,579	5,556	5,137	5,437
FL	1,762	1,566	1,704	1,793	1,732	1,779
GA	*25,877	26,449	26,220	26,574	*26,129	25,542
KY	5,973	5,744	5,761	*5,891	*6,103	5,330
LA	3,727	4,013	3,784	3,470	4,145	3,784
MD	6,686	6,908	5,566	5,484	5,691	5,823
MS	16,655	16,786	16,759	16,696	16,388	15,939
NC	14,834	15,174	14,877	15,269	14,443	15,002
OK	5,461	5,651	4,119	4,785	3,932	4,721
PA	2,735	2,752	2,696	*2,632	*2,699	2,740
SC	4,668	3,713	4,144	3,968	3,727	4,331
TX	12,500	12,560	12,635	12,522	12,424	12,328
VA	5,055	5,324	5,763	5,514	6,219	5,336
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*14,652	*15,385	*15,854	*15,599	*15,640	15,454
19 State Total	*171,915	*173,204	*172,610	*172,261	*171,298	169,360
Previous Year Total	174,118	173,320	172,818	172,481	172,394	168,933
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	100	100	99	100

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