



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 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 19, 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 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 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 19, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through July 19, 2003 were 4.88 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 14 2003	Jun 21 2003	Jun 28 2003	Jul 5 2003	Jul 12 2003	Jul 19 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,531	28,044	*28,458	28,419	28,780	29,254
AR	31,052	30,754	29,935	30,676	30,669	29,700
DE	3,640	3,703	3,532	3,649	3,701	3,882
FL	1,329	1,320	1,327	1,315	1,329	1,354
GA	*32,686	*32,102	*31,994	31,848	32,401	32,720
KY	6,721	6,489	6,140	6,597	6,679	6,703
LA	3,953	3,892	3,907	3,983	3,953	3,953
MD	9,611	9,585	*9,366	9,267	9,482	9,469
MS	19,470	18,952	18,837	18,443	19,375	19,377
NC	18,615	18,815	*16,771	17,787	17,235	17,341
OK	6,732	6,696	6,430	5,922	6,424	6,457
PA	3,836	3,870	3,454	*3,818	*3,728	3,756
SC	4,535	4,576	4,347	4,415	*4,492	4,586
TX	14,797	14,817	13,817	14,756	14,443	14,740
VA	6,617	6,609	6,356	6,538	6,259	6,384
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,277	*16,613	17,282	17,110	*16,464	16,670
19 State Total	*209,402	*206,837	*201,953	*204,543	*205,414	206,346
Previous Year Total	210,870	207,561	204,462	206,891	209,239	209,219
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	99	99	98	99

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 14 2003	Jun 21 2003	Jun 28 2003	Jul 5 2003	Jul 12 2003	Jul 19 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,363	22,257	22,095	21,694	21,518	21,614
AR	24,094	24,892	24,413	25,195	24,296	24,630
DE	4,722	5,579	*5,557	5,137	5,437	5,365
FL	1,566	1,704	1,793	1,732	*1,732	1,619
GA	26,449	26,220	26,574	26,129	*25,263	25,460
KY	5,744	5,761	5,891	6,103	5,330	5,059
LA	4,013	3,784	3,470	4,145	3,784	3,639
MD	6,908	5,566	*5,486	5,691	5,823	5,307
MS	16,786	16,759	16,696	16,388	15,939	16,121
NC	15,174	14,877	15,269	14,443	*14,966	13,487
OK	5,651	4,119	4,785	3,932	4,721	3,952
PA	2,752	2,696	2,632	*2,755	*2,816	2,576
SC	3,713	4,144	3,968	*3,802	*4,555	4,355
TX	12,560	12,635	12,522	12,424	12,328	11,537
VA	5,324	5,763	5,514	6,219	5,336	5,298
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,385	15,854	15,599	*15,633	*15,386	15,274
19 State Total	173,204	172,610	*172,264	*171,422	*169,230	165,293
Previous Year Total	173,320	172,818	172,481	172,394	168,933	166,514
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	100	99	100	99

* Revised