



# 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 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 26, 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 26, 2003. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through July 26, 2003 were 5.04 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 21 2003	Jun 28 2003	Jul 5 2003	Jul 12 2003	Jul 19 2003	Jul 26 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,044	28,458	*28,576	28,780	29,254	28,850
AR	30,754	29,935	30,676	30,669	*31,196	31,054
DE	3,703	3,532	3,649	3,701	*3,902	3,903
FL	1,320	1,327	*1,335	1,329	1,354	1,328
GA	*32,293	*32,066	*32,076	32,401	32,720	32,632
KY	6,489	*6,248	6,597	6,679	6,703	6,770
LA	3,892	3,907	3,983	3,953	3,953	3,832
MD	9,585	9,366	9,267	9,482	9,469	9,467
MS	18,952	18,837	*18,676	19,375	19,377	18,726
NC	18,815	16,771	*17,671	17,235	17,341	17,599
OK	6,696	6,430	5,922	6,424	6,457	6,445
PA	3,870	3,454	3,818	*3,714	*4,013	3,824
SC	4,576	4,347	4,415	4,492	4,586	4,528
TX	14,817	13,817	14,756	14,443	14,740	14,712
VA	6,609	6,356	6,538	6,259	6,384	6,471
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,613	*17,090	*17,147	16,464	*16,377	16,380
19 State Total	*207,028	*201,941	*205,102	*205,400	*207,826	206,521
Previous Year Total	207,561	204,462	206,891	209,239	209,219	207,984
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	99	98	99	99

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 21 2003	Jun 28 2003	Jul 5 2003	Jul 12 2003	Jul 19 2003	Jul 26 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,257	22,095	21,694	21,518	21,614	21,796
AR	24,892	24,413	25,195	24,296	24,630	24,078
DE	5,579	5,557	5,137	5,437	*5,503	5,346
FL	1,704	1,793	1,732	*1,784	*1,601	1,894
GA	26,220	26,574	26,129	25,263	*25,196	25,676
KY	5,761	5,891	6,103	5,330	*5,122	5,232
LA	3,784	3,470	4,145	3,784	3,639	3,708
MD	5,566	5,486	*5,692	*5,825	*5,169	5,541
MS	16,759	16,696	*16,390	15,939	16,121	15,904
NC	14,877	15,269	14,443	14,966	13,487	14,060
OK	4,119	4,785	3,932	4,721	3,952	4,926
PA	2,696	2,632	2,755	*2,746	*2,600	2,676
SC	4,144	3,968	3,802	4,555	4,355	4,014
TX	12,635	12,522	12,424	12,328	11,537	12,271
VA	5,763	5,514	6,219	5,336	5,298	5,374
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,854	15,599	15,633	15,386	*15,198	15,036
19 State Total	172,610	172,264	*171,425	*169,214	*165,022	167,532
Previous Year Total	172,818	172,481	172,394	168,933	166,514	167,733
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	99	100	99	100

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