



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 9, 2003. This was up 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 9, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 9, 2003 were 5.38 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 5 2003	Jul 12 2003	Jul 19 2003	Jul 26 2003	Aug 2 2003	Aug 9 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,576	28,972	*29,367	28,850	29,068	29,273
AR	30,676	30,669	31,196	31,054	30,749	30,785
DE	3,649	3,812	*3,996	3,903	3,876	3,877
FL	1,335	1,346	1,354	1,328	1,346	1,353
GA	32,076	32,375	*32,676	32,632	32,316	32,707
KY	6,576	*6,490	6,703	*6,742	*6,720	6,831
LA	3,983	3,953	3,953	3,832	3,832	3,831
MD	9,267	9,482	9,469	9,467	9,492	9,384
MS	18,676	19,375	19,377	18,726	19,066	19,194
NC	17,671	16,387	*17,276	17,599	17,523	17,295
OK	5,922	6,424	6,457	*6,532	*6,161	6,490
PA	3,818	*3,715	*4,067	3,809	3,869	3,859
SC	4,415	4,492	4,586	4,528	4,542	4,393
TX	*14,761	*14,448	*14,749	*14,721	*14,460	14,482
VA	6,538	6,259	6,384	6,512	6,489	6,472
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,156	*16,452	*16,398	16,254	16,648	17,113
19 State Total	*205,095	*204,651	*208,008	*206,489	*206,157	207,339
Previous Year Total	206,891	209,239	209,219	207,984	209,004	205,483
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	99	99	99	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 5 2003	Jul 12 2003	Jul 19 2003	Jul 26 2003	Aug 2 2003	Aug 9 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,694	21,518	21,614	21,796	21,554	21,919
AR	25,195	24,296	24,630	*24,079	*23,944	24,152
DE	5,137	5,437	*5,417	5,346	5,144	5,200
FL	1,732	1,784	1,601	1,894	1,608	1,650
GA	26,129	25,263	25,196	*25,602	*25,805	26,493
KY	6,103	5,330	5,122	*5,179	*5,733	5,849
LA	4,145	3,784	3,639	3,708	3,678	3,755
MD	5,692	5,825	5,169	5,541	5,985	6,010
MS	16,390	15,939	16,121	15,904	16,534	16,433
NC	14,443	14,966	13,487	14,060	13,084	14,000
OK	3,932	4,721	3,952	*4,537	*4,501	5,235
PA	*2,758	*2,711	*2,544	*2,773	2,835	2,937
SC	3,802	4,555	4,355	4,014	4,460	3,608
TX	*12,428	*12,332	*11,542	*12,275	*12,131	12,309
VA	6,219	5,336	5,298	5,369	5,138	5,177
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,613	*15,392	*15,181	*15,110	*15,134	15,150
19 State Total	*171,412	*169,189	*164,868	*167,187	*167,268	169,877
Previous Year Total	172,394	168,933	166,514	167,733	169,884	168,467
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	99	100	98	101

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