



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 16, 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 16, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 16, 2003 were 5.55 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 12 2003	Jul 19 2003	Jul 26 2003	Aug 2 2003	Aug 9 2003	Aug 16 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,972	29,367	*29,015	29,068	29,273	29,323
AR	30,669	31,196	31,054	30,749	30,785	30,529
DE	*3,818	3,996	3,903	3,876	3,877	3,948
FL	1,346	1,354	*1,353	1,346	1,353	1,354
GA	*32,550	*32,865	*32,643	32,316	32,707	32,127
KY	6,490	*6,717	6,742	6,720	6,831	6,736
LA	3,953	3,953	3,832	3,832	3,831	3,861
MD	9,482	9,469	9,467	9,492	*9,402	9,249
MS	19,375	19,377	*19,122	19,066	19,194	19,187
NC	16,387	17,276	*17,588	17,523	17,295	17,481
OK	6,424	6,457	6,532	6,161	6,490	6,041
PA	3,715	4,067	*3,832	*3,894	*3,768	3,646
SC	4,492	4,586	4,528	4,542	4,393	4,535
TX	14,448	14,749	14,721	14,460	14,482	14,413
VA	6,259	6,384	6,512	6,489	6,472	6,432
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,452	16,398	16,254	16,648	*16,485	16,376
19 State Total	*204,832	*208,211	*207,098	*206,182	*206,638	205,238
Previous Year Total	209,239	209,219	207,984	209,004	205,483	206,097
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	100	100	99	101	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 12 2003	Jul 19 2003	Jul 26 2003	Aug 2 2003	Aug 9 2003	Aug 16 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,518	21,614	21,796	21,554	21,919	21,844
AR	24,296	24,630	24,079	23,944	24,152	23,861
DE	*5,384	5,417	5,346	5,144	*4,726	4,744
FL	1,784	1,601	1,894	1,608	1,650	1,686
GA	25,263	25,196	*25,391	*25,548	*26,285	26,208
KY	5,330	5,122	5,179	5,733	*5,863	6,028
LA	3,784	3,639	3,708	3,678	3,755	3,866
MD	*5,878	5,169	5,541	5,985	*6,568	6,584
MS	15,939	16,121	15,904	16,534	16,433	16,292
NC	14,966	13,487	14,060	13,084	14,000	14,072
OK	4,721	3,952	4,537	4,501	5,235	5,401
PA	2,711	2,544	*2,795	*2,865	*2,968	2,850
SC	4,555	4,355	4,014	4,460	3,608	4,145
TX	12,332	11,542	12,275	12,131	12,309	12,221
VA	5,336	5,298	5,369	5,138	*5,146	5,108
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,392	15,181	15,110	15,134	*15,098	14,312
19 State Total	*169,189	164,868	*166,998	*167,041	*169,715	169,222
Previous Year Total	168,933	166,514	167,733	169,884	168,467	168,271
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	100	98	101	101

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