



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 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 23, 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 23, 2003. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 23, 2003 were 5.72 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 19 2003	Jul 26 2003	Aug 2 2003	Aug 9 2003	Aug 16 2003	Aug 23 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,367	29,015	*29,292	29,273	29,323	29,056
AR	31,196	31,054	30,749	30,785	30,529	30,884
DE	3,996	3,903	3,876	3,877	3,948	4,057
FL	1,354	1,353	1,346	1,353	1,354	1,354
GA	32,865	*32,783	32,316	32,707	*32,118	32,277
KY	6,717	*6,900	6,720	6,831	6,736	6,736
LA	3,953	3,832	3,832	3,831	3,861	3,845
MD	9,469	9,467	9,492	9,402	9,249	9,274
MS	19,377	19,122	19,066	19,194	19,187	18,882
NC	17,276	17,588	*17,637	17,295	17,481	17,570
OK	6,457	6,532	6,161	6,490	*5,979	6,061
PA	4,067	*3,830	*3,836	*3,738	3,646	3,807
SC	4,586	4,528	4,542	4,393	4,535	4,375
TX	14,749	14,721	14,460	14,482	14,413	14,479
VA	6,384	6,512	6,489	6,472	6,432	6,411
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,398	16,254	16,648	16,485	*16,489	16,909
19 State Total	208,211	*207,394	*206,462	*206,608	*205,280	205,977
Previous Year Total	209,219	207,984	209,004	205,483	206,097	204,776
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	99	101	100	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 19 2003	Jul 26 2003	Aug 2 2003	Aug 9 2003	Aug 16 2003	Aug 23 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,614	21,796	21,554	21,919	21,844	22,084
AR	24,630	24,079	23,944	24,152	*23,866	24,485
DE	5,417	5,346	5,144	4,726	4,744	4,733
FL	1,601	1,894	*1,587	*1,616	*1,654	1,727
GA	25,196	25,391	25,548	26,285	*26,217	25,204
KY	5,122	5,179	5,733	5,863	*6,107	5,998
LA	3,639	3,708	3,678	3,755	3,866	3,401
MD	5,169	5,541	5,985	6,568	6,584	6,539
MS	16,121	15,904	16,534	16,433	16,292	16,415
NC	13,487	14,060	13,084	14,000	14,072	14,217
OK	3,952	4,537	4,501	5,235	5,401	4,325
PA	2,544	*2,770	*2,822	*2,919	2,850	2,733
SC	4,355	4,014	4,460	3,608	4,145	4,213
TX	11,542	12,275	12,131	12,309	12,221	11,960
VA	5,298	5,369	5,138	5,146	5,108	5,190
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,181	15,110	15,134	15,098	*14,111	15,212
19 State Total	164,868	*166,973	*166,977	*169,632	*169,082	168,436
Previous Year Total	166,514	167,733	169,884	168,467	168,271	168,773
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	98	101	100	100

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