



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 30, 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 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 30, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 30, 2003 were 5.89 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 26 2003	Aug 2 2003	Aug 9 2003	Aug 16 2003	Aug 23 2003	Aug 30 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,015	29,292	29,273	29,323	29,056	28,711
AR	31,054	30,749	30,785	30,529	30,884	30,646
DE	3,903	3,876	3,877	3,948	4,057	3,837
FL	1,353	1,346	1,353	1,354	1,354	1,353
GA	32,783	*32,345	*32,554	32,118	32,277	31,960
KY	6,900	*6,881	6,831	6,736	*6,715	6,779
LA	3,832	3,832	3,831	3,861	3,845	3,878
MD	9,467	9,492	9,402	9,249	9,274	9,293
MS	19,122	19,066	19,194	19,187	18,882	18,327
NC	17,588	17,637	*17,331	17,481	17,570	17,004
OK	6,532	6,161	6,490	5,979	6,061	6,349
PA	3,830	3,836	3,738	*3,607	*3,735	3,755
SC	4,528	4,542	4,393	4,535	4,375	4,635
TX	14,721	14,460	14,482	14,413	14,479	14,508
VA	6,512	6,489	6,472	6,432	6,411	6,333
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,254	16,648	16,485	16,489	16,909	16,044
19 State Total	207,394	*206,652	*206,491	*205,241	*205,884	203,412
Previous Year Total	207,984	209,004	205,483	206,097	204,776	204,042
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	100	100	101	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 26 2003	Aug 2 2003	Aug 9 2003	Aug 16 2003	Aug 23 2003	Aug 30 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,796	21,554	21,919	21,844	22,084	21,812
AR	24,079	*24,027	24,152	23,866	24,485	25,063
DE	5,346	5,144	4,726	4,744	4,733	5,307
FL	1,894	1,587	1,616	1,654	1,727	1,716
GA	25,391	25,548	26,285	26,217	*25,316	26,060
KY	5,179	5,733	5,863	6,107	*6,072	5,808
LA	3,708	3,678	3,755	3,866	3,401	3,601
MD	5,541	5,985	6,568	6,584	6,539	5,714
MS	15,904	16,534	16,433	16,292	16,415	16,228
NC	14,060	13,084	14,000	14,072	14,217	13,924
OK	4,537	4,501	5,235	5,401	4,325	4,297
PA	2,770	2,822	2,919	*2,824	*2,819	2,632
SC	4,014	4,460	3,608	4,145	4,213	4,009
TX	12,275	12,131	12,309	12,221	11,960	11,958
VA	5,369	5,138	5,146	5,108	5,190	5,325
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,110	15,134	15,098	14,111	15,212	14,921
19 State Total	166,973	*167,060	169,632	*169,056	*168,708	168,375
Previous Year Total	167,733	169,884	168,467	168,271	168,773	166,470
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	98	101	100	100	101

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