



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 6, 2003. This was down 2 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 6, 2003. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through September 6, 2003 were 6.05 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 2 2003	Aug 9 2003	Aug 16 2003	Aug 23 2003	Aug 30 2003	Sep 6 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,292	29,273	29,323	29,056	28,711	29,218
AR	30,749	30,785	30,529	30,884	*30,223	30,875
DE	3,876	3,877	3,948	4,057	3,837	3,792
FL	1,346	1,353	1,354	1,354	1,353	1,327
GA	32,345	32,554	*32,225	32,277	*32,501	30,946
KY	6,881	*6,847	6,736	6,715	6,779	6,325
LA	3,832	3,831	3,861	3,845	3,878	3,923
MD	9,492	9,402	9,249	9,274	9,293	8,869
MS	19,066	19,194	19,187	18,882	18,327	18,686
NC	17,637	17,331	*17,274	17,570	17,004	16,305
OK	6,161	6,490	5,979	6,061	6,349	6,338
PA	3,836	3,738	3,607	*3,697	*3,603	3,674
SC	4,542	4,393	4,535	4,375	4,635	4,681
TX	*14,461	*14,483	*14,412	14,479	14,508	14,647
VA	6,489	6,472	6,432	6,411	6,333	6,266
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,644	16,485	*16,485	16,909	*15,739	14,580
19 State Total	*206,649	*206,508	*205,136	*205,846	*203,073	200,452
Previous Year Total	209,004	205,483	206,097	204,776	204,042	203,517
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	100	101	100	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 2 2003	Aug 9 2003	Aug 16 2003	Aug 23 2003	Aug 30 2003	Sep 6 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,554	21,919	21,844	22,084	21,812	22,009
AR	*23,944	24,152	23,866	24,485	*25,015	24,254
DE	5,144	4,726	*5,024	4,733	*5,302	5,213
FL	1,587	1,616	1,654	1,727	*1,722	1,777
GA	25,548	26,285	26,217	25,316	*26,156	25,395
KY	5,733	5,863	6,107	6,072	*5,810	5,788
LA	3,678	3,755	3,866	3,401	3,601	3,545
MD	5,985	6,568	*6,344	6,539	*5,718	5,287
MS	16,534	16,433	16,292	16,415	*16,247	16,396
NC	13,084	14,000	14,072	14,217	13,924	14,098
OK	4,501	5,235	5,401	4,325	4,297	4,346
PA	2,822	2,919	2,824	*2,729	*2,701	2,698
SC	4,460	3,608	4,145	4,213	4,009	4,203
TX	12,131	*12,310	*12,222	*11,961	*11,959	11,891
VA	5,138	5,146	5,108	5,190	*5,071	5,932
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,134	*15,112	*14,078	*15,201	*15,126	14,789
19 State Total	*166,977	*169,647	*169,064	*168,608	*168,470	167,621
Previous Year Total	169,884	168,467	168,271	168,773	166,470	167,094
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	101	100	100	101	100

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