



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 20, 2003. This was up 3 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 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 20, 2003. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through September 20, 2003 were 6.39 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 16 2003	Aug 23 2003	Aug 30 2003	Sep 6 2003	Sep 13 2003	Sep 20 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,323	29,056	*29,180	29,240	27,938	27,565
AR	30,529	30,884	30,223	30,875	29,368	30,458
DE	3,948	4,057	3,837	3,792	3,561	3,327
FL	1,354	1,354	1,353	1,357	1,329	1,345
GA	*32,221	32,556	*32,608	30,946	31,287	30,901
KY	6,890	6,760	*6,944	6,325	5,625	6,551
LA	3,861	3,845	3,878	3,923	3,771	3,847
MD	9,249	9,420	9,293	8,869	8,371	8,118
MS	19,187	18,882	18,327	18,686	18,024	17,534
NC	17,274	17,063	*16,644	16,305	16,229	15,632
OK	5,979	6,061	6,349	6,338	*6,553	6,356
PA	3,607	3,697	3,568	*3,658	3,517	3,454
SC	4,535	4,375	4,635	4,681	4,551	4,482
TX	14,412	14,479	14,508	14,647	14,002	13,021
VA	6,432	6,411	6,333	6,024	6,108	6,072
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,485	16,909	15,739	14,739	*15,809	16,070
19 State Total	*205,286	205,809	*203,419	*200,405	*196,043	194,733
Previous Year Total	206,097	204,776	204,042	203,517	191,797	189,744
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	100	98	102	103

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 16 2003	Aug 23 2003	Aug 30 2003	Sep 6 2003	Sep 13 2003	Sep 20 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,844	22,084	21,871	22,012	21,482	21,970
AR	23,866	24,485	25,015	24,254	*25,581	24,721
DE	5,024	4,741	5,302	5,213	5,784	4,644
FL	1,654	1,727	1,722	1,831	2,056	1,691
GA	26,217	*25,331	26,162	25,074	25,937	25,471
KY	6,107	6,072	5,810	5,848	5,850	5,857
LA	3,866	3,401	3,601	3,545	3,740	3,451
MD	6,344	6,508	5,718	5,287	5,293	6,614
MS	16,292	16,415	16,247	16,396	16,168	15,577
NC	14,072	14,217	13,924	14,098	13,977	13,226
OK	5,401	4,325	4,297	4,346	4,406	4,273
PA	2,824	2,729	2,741	*2,741	2,817	2,677
SC	4,145	4,213	4,009	4,203	4,178	4,583
TX	12,222	11,961	11,959	11,891	12,079	12,164
VA	5,108	5,190	5,071	5,927	5,450	4,979
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,078	15,201	15,126	14,782	*14,440	13,674
19 State Total	169,064	*168,600	168,575	*167,448	*169,238	165,572
Previous Year Total	168,271	168,773	166,470	167,094	166,340	165,465
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	101	100	102	100

* Revised