



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 196 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 27, 2003. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 27, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through September 27, 2003 were 6.55 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 23 2003	Aug 30 2003	Sep 6 2003	Sep 13 2003	Sep 20 2003	Sep 27 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,056	29,180	29,240	27,938	27,565	27,391
AR	30,884	30,223	30,875	29,368	30,458	30,013
DE	4,057	3,837	3,792	3,561	3,327	3,479
FL	1,354	1,353	1,357	1,329	1,345	1,369
GA	32,556	32,608	*30,981	*31,062	30,901	30,697
KY	*6,775	6,944	*6,306	5,625	*5,888	6,168
LA	3,845	3,878	3,923	3,771	3,847	3,923
MD	9,420	9,293	8,869	8,371	8,118	8,411
MS	18,882	18,327	18,686	18,024	17,534	17,357
NC	17,063	16,644	*16,317	16,229	15,632	17,488
OK	6,061	6,349	6,338	6,553	6,356	5,651
PA	3,697	3,568	3,658	*3,544	3,454	3,491
SC	4,375	4,635	4,681	*4,539	4,482	4,413
TX	14,479	14,508	14,647	14,002	13,021	14,362
VA	6,411	6,333	6,024	6,108	6,072	6,391
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,909	15,739	14,739	15,809	*15,494	15,424
19 State Total	*205,824	203,419	*200,433	*195,833	*193,494	196,028
Previous Year Total	204,776	204,042	203,517	191,797	189,744	191,851
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	98	102	102	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 23 2003	Aug 30 2003	Sep 6 2003	Sep 13 2003	Sep 20 2003	Sep 27 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,084	21,871	22,012	21,482	21,970	21,676
AR	24,485	25,015	24,254	25,581	24,721	24,992
DE	4,741	5,302	5,213	5,784	4,644	4,831
FL	1,727	1,722	1,831	2,056	1,691	1,766
GA	25,331	26,162	25,074	25,937	*25,475	24,745
KY	*6,050	5,810	*5,862	*5,896	*5,475	5,364
LA	3,401	3,601	3,545	3,740	3,451	3,545
MD	6,508	5,718	5,287	5,293	6,614	5,378
MS	16,415	16,247	16,396	16,168	15,577	15,904
NC	14,217	13,924	14,098	13,977	13,226	13,000
OK	4,325	4,297	4,346	4,406	4,273	4,574
PA	2,729	2,741	2,741	*2,753	2,677	2,687
SC	4,213	4,009	4,203	*4,183	*4,584	3,806
TX	11,961	11,959	11,891	12,079	12,164	12,192
VA	5,190	5,071	5,927	5,450	4,979	5,231
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,201	15,126	14,782	14,440	*13,975	13,539
19 State Total	*168,578	168,575	*167,462	*169,225	*165,496	163,230
Previous Year Total	168,773	166,470	167,094	166,340	165,465	165,235
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	100	102	100	99

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