



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 193 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 4, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 159 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 4, 2003. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through October 4, 2003 were 6.71 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 30 2003	Sep 6 2003	Sep 13 2003	Sep 20 2003	Sep 27 2003	Oct 4 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,180	29,240	*27,575	27,565	27,391	28,070
AR	30,223	30,875	29,368	30,458	30,013	28,806
DE	3,837	3,792	3,561	3,327	3,479	3,670
FL	1,353	1,357	1,329	1,345	1,369	1,369
GA	*32,409	*30,844	*30,924	30,901	30,697	30,686
KY	6,944	*6,650	*5,592	5,888	*6,494	6,031
LA	*3,691	3,923	3,771	3,847	*3,891	3,861
MD	9,293	8,869	8,371	8,118	8,411	7,842
MS	18,327	18,686	18,024	17,534	17,357	17,139
NC	16,644	16,317	*16,184	15,632	17,488	15,901
OK	6,349	6,338	6,553	6,356	5,651	6,056
PA	3,568	*3,687	*3,557	*3,343	3,491	3,589
SC	4,635	4,681	4,539	4,482	4,413	4,598
TX	*14,509	*14,649	*13,997	*13,016	*14,357	14,279
VA	6,333	6,024	6,108	6,072	6,391	5,713
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,739	*14,723	*15,808	15,494	*15,559	15,261
19 State Total	*203,034	*200,655	*195,261	*193,378	*196,452	192,871
Previous Year Total	204,042	203,517	191,797	189,744	191,851	193,083
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	102	102	102	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 30 2003	Sep 6 2003	Sep 13 2003	Sep 20 2003	Sep 27 2003	Oct 4 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,871	22,012	21,482	21,970	21,676	20,614
AR	25,015	24,254	25,581	24,721	24,992	22,702
DE	5,302	5,213	5,784	4,644	4,831	4,439
FL	*1,800	1,831	*1,894	*1,586	*1,651	1,738
GA	26,162	25,074	*25,959	*25,369	*24,677	23,936
KY	5,810	5,862	*5,885	5,475	*5,273	4,883
LA	3,601	3,545	3,740	*3,292	*3,704	3,730
MD	5,718	5,287	5,293	6,614	5,378	5,563
MS	16,247	16,396	16,168	15,577	15,904	15,221
NC	13,924	14,098	13,977	13,226	13,000	13,156
OK	4,297	4,346	4,406	4,273	4,574	5,390
PA	*2,749	*2,744	*2,702	*2,706	*2,691	2,614
SC	4,009	*4,310	*4,204	*4,607	*3,827	4,265
TX	11,959	*11,893	*12,080	*12,165	*12,193	11,670
VA	5,071	5,927	5,450	4,979	5,231	4,696
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,126	*14,798	*14,420	*13,974	*13,528	14,513
19 State Total	*168,661	*167,590	*169,025	*165,178	*163,130	159,130
Previous Year Total	166,470	167,094	166,340	165,465	165,235	155,770
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	102	100	99	102

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