



# 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 197 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 11, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 158 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 11, 2003. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through October 11, 2003 were 6.87 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 6 2003	Sep 13 2003	Sep 20 2003	Sep 27 2003	Oct 4 2003	Oct 11 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,240	27,575	*27,015	27,391	28,070	28,048
AR	30,875	29,368	30,458	30,013	28,806	29,386
DE	3,792	3,561	3,327	3,479	3,670	3,529
FL	1,357	1,329	1,345	1,369	1,369	1,359
GA	30,844	*30,864	30,901	30,697	*30,671	32,016
KY	6,650	5,592	5,888	6,494	*6,079	6,626
LA	3,923	*3,616	3,847	3,891	3,861	3,758
MD	8,869	8,371	8,118	8,411	7,842	8,502
MS	18,686	18,024	*17,624	17,357	17,139	17,910
NC	16,317	16,184	*15,614	17,488	15,901	15,940
OK	6,338	6,553	6,356	5,651	6,056	5,864
PA	3,687	3,557	3,343	3,491	3,589	3,416
SC	4,681	4,539	4,482	*4,417	*4,578	4,080
TX	14,649	13,997	13,016	14,357	14,279	14,217
VA	6,024	6,108	6,072	6,391	5,713	6,360
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*14,726	15,808	15,494	15,559	*15,306	16,130
19 State Total	*200,658	*195,046	*192,900	*196,456	*192,929	197,141
Previous Year Total	203,517	191,797	189,744	191,851	193,083	192,080
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	102	102	102	100	103

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 6 2003	Sep 13 2003	Sep 20 2003	Sep 27 2003	Oct 4 2003	Oct 11 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,012	21,482	21,970	21,676	20,614	20,421
AR	24,254	25,581	24,721	24,992	22,702	23,157
DE	5,213	5,784	4,644	4,831	4,439	4,553
FL	1,831	1,894	1,586	1,651	1,738	1,609
GA	25,074	25,959	25,369	24,677	*24,099	24,260
KY	5,862	5,885	5,475	5,273	*4,933	5,482
LA	3,545	3,740	3,292	3,704	*3,600	3,704
MD	5,287	5,293	6,614	5,378	5,563	5,232
MS	16,396	16,168	15,577	15,904	15,221	14,673
NC	14,098	13,977	13,226	13,000	13,156	12,575
OK	4,346	4,406	4,273	4,574	5,390	5,769
PA	2,744	2,702	2,706	2,691	2,614	2,548
SC	4,310	4,204	4,607	3,827	4,265	4,188
TX	11,893	12,080	12,165	12,193	11,670	10,809
VA	5,927	5,450	4,979	5,231	4,696	4,696
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,798	*14,414	*13,960	*13,521	*14,566	13,826
19 State Total	167,590	*169,019	*165,164	*163,123	*159,266	157,502
Previous Year Total	167,094	166,340	165,465	165,235	155,770	154,082
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	102	100	99	102	102

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