



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 190 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 18, 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 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 160 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 18, 2003. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through October 18, 2003 were 7.03 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 13 2003	Sep 20 2003	Sep 27 2003	Oct 4 2003	Oct 11 2003	Oct 18 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,575	27,015	27,391	28,070	28,048	28,283
AR	29,368	30,458	30,013	28,806	29,386	28,862
DE	3,561	3,327	3,479	3,670	3,529	3,531
FL	1,329	1,345	1,369	1,369	1,359	1,365
GA	*30,812	*30,879	*30,187	30,671	32,016	29,461
KY	5,592	*6,047	*6,576	6,079	6,626	5,369
LA	3,616	3,847	3,891	3,861	3,758	3,782
MD	8,371	8,118	8,411	7,842	8,502	8,005
MS	18,024	17,624	17,357	17,139	17,910	16,983
NC	16,184	15,614	*17,546	15,901	15,940	16,677
OK	6,553	6,356	5,651	6,056	5,864	6,063
PA	3,557	3,343	3,491	*3,679	3,416	3,446
SC	4,539	4,482	4,417	4,578	4,080	3,907
TX	13,997	13,016	14,357	14,279	14,217	12,863
VA	6,108	6,072	6,391	5,713	6,360	6,378
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,808	*15,723	*15,327	15,306	*15,340	15,223
19 State Total	*194,994	*193,266	*195,854	*193,019	*196,351	190,198
Previous Year Total	191,797	189,744	191,851	193,083	192,080	185,654
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	100	102	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 13 2003	Sep 20 2003	Sep 27 2003	Oct 4 2003	Oct 11 2003	Oct 18 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,482	21,970	21,676	20,614	20,421	20,653
AR	25,581	24,721	24,992	22,702	23,157	23,749
DE	5,784	4,644	4,831	4,439	4,553	4,189
FL	1,894	1,586	1,651	*1,605	1,609	1,586
GA	25,959	25,369	24,677	*24,145	*24,366	24,226
KY	5,885	5,475	5,273	4,933	*5,553	5,518
LA	3,740	3,292	3,704	3,600	3,704	3,896
MD	5,293	6,614	5,378	5,563	5,232	6,308
MS	16,168	15,577	15,904	15,221	14,673	14,715
NC	13,977	13,226	13,000	13,156	12,575	13,790
OK	4,406	4,273	4,574	5,390	5,769	4,196
PA	2,702	2,706	2,691	*2,635	2,548	2,519
SC	4,204	4,607	3,827	4,265	4,188	3,685
TX	12,080	12,165	12,193	11,670	10,809	11,954
VA	5,450	4,979	5,231	4,696	4,696	5,069
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,414	13,960	13,521	14,566	*14,046	14,131
19 State Total	169,019	165,164	163,123	*159,200	*157,899	160,184
Previous Year Total	166,340	165,465	165,235	155,770	154,082	155,782
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	100	99	102	102	103

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