



Broiler Hatchery

Released October 29, 2003, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture. For information on "*Broiler Hatchery*" call Jody Roberts at (202) 690-8632, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 190 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 25, 2003. This was up 5 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 159 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 25, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through October 25, 2003 were 7.19 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

* * * * *

The next "*Broiler Hatchery*" report will be released at 3 p.m. ET on November 5, 2003.

Subscription Information

To subscribe to **NASS** reports or to order single copies, call toll free, **1-800-999-6779**. You may write: **ERS/NASS**, 5285 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, VA 22161.

Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 20 2003	Sep 27 2003	Oct 4 2003	Oct 11 2003	Oct 18 2003	Oct 25 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,015	27,391	*28,577	28,048	*28,282	26,822
AR	30,458	30,013	28,806	29,386	28,862	29,106
DE	3,327	3,479	3,670	3,529	3,531	3,233
FL	1,345	1,369	1,369	1,359	1,365	1,353
GA	*30,885	*30,129	*30,719	32,016	29,461	28,898
KY	6,047	6,576	*6,147	6,626	*5,370	6,025
LA	3,847	3,891	3,861	3,758	3,782	3,691
MD	8,118	8,411	*8,417	8,502	8,005	7,808
MS	17,624	17,357	*17,260	17,910	16,983	17,287
NC	15,614	17,546	*16,296	15,940	16,677	17,291
OK	6,356	5,651	6,056	5,864	*6,037	6,505
PA	3,343	3,491	3,679	*3,451	*3,457	3,582
SC	4,482	4,417	4,578	4,080	3,907	4,206
TX	13,016	14,357	*14,179	14,217	12,863	12,978
VA	6,072	6,391	5,713	6,360	6,378	6,670
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,723	15,327	*15,304	*15,337	*15,133	14,953
19 State Total	*193,272	*195,796	*194,631	*196,383	*190,093	190,408
Previous Year Total	189,744	191,851	193,083	192,080	185,654	181,106
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	101	102	102	105

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 20 2003	Sep 27 2003	Oct 4 2003	Oct 11 2003	Oct 18 2003	Oct 25 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,970	21,676	20,614	20,421	*20,649	21,380
AR	24,721	24,992	22,702	23,157	*23,755	23,230
DE	4,644	4,831	4,439	4,553	4,189	4,359
FL	1,586	1,651	1,605	*1,505	*1,876	1,506
GA	25,369	24,677	24,145	*24,338	*24,134	24,391
KY	5,475	5,273	4,933	5,553	*5,488	5,352
LA	3,292	3,704	3,600	3,704	3,896	3,578
MD	6,614	5,378	5,563	5,232	6,308	5,727
MS	15,577	15,904	15,221	14,673	*14,526	14,925
NC	13,226	13,000	13,156	12,575	13,790	13,225
OK	4,273	4,574	5,390	5,769	*4,197	3,966
PA	2,706	2,691	2,635	*2,555	*2,521	2,616
SC	4,607	3,827	4,265	4,188	3,685	4,040
TX	12,165	12,193	11,670	10,809	11,954	11,758
VA	4,979	5,231	4,696	4,696	5,069	4,415
CA, MO, TN, & WV	13,960	13,521	14,566	*13,996	*14,211	14,160
19 State Total	165,164	163,123	159,200	*157,724	*160,248	158,628
Previous Year Total	165,465	165,235	155,770	154,082	155,782	157,001
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	102	102	103	101

* Revised