



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 8, 2003. This was up 1 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 153 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 8, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 8, 2003 were 7.50 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 4 2003	Oct 11 2003	Oct 18 2003	Oct 25 2003	Nov 1 2003	Nov 8 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,577	27,568	*26,185	26,822	26,638	28,116
AR	28,806	29,386	*28,989	29,106	27,849	28,876
DE	3,670	3,529	*3,181	3,233	3,690	3,906
FL	1,369	1,359	*1,348	1,353	1,353	1,351
GA	*30,850	*31,853	*29,647	*29,030	30,277	31,514
KY	6,347	*6,831	5,370	6,025	*6,091	6,219
LA	3,861	3,758	3,782	3,691	3,847	3,861
MD	8,417	8,502	8,005	7,808	8,840	8,891
MS	17,260	17,910	16,983	17,287	16,229	17,295
NC	16,296	16,576	*16,290	17,291	17,681	17,348
OK	6,056	5,864	6,037	6,505	6,090	5,890
PA	3,679	3,451	3,362	*3,484	*3,422	3,588
SC	4,578	4,080	3,907	4,206	4,097	4,104
TX	*14,184	*14,222	*12,859	*12,974	*14,380	14,788
VA	5,713	6,360	6,378	6,670	6,205	6,116
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,298	15,337	15,133	14,953	16,033	17,472
19 State Total	*194,961	*196,586	*187,456	*190,438	*192,722	199,335
Previous Year Total	193,083	192,080	185,654	181,106	189,835	197,676
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	101	105	102	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 4 2003	Oct 11 2003	Oct 18 2003	Oct 25 2003	Nov 1 2003	Nov 8 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,614	20,421	20,649	21,380	20,866	19,712
AR	22,702	23,157	23,755	23,230	23,060	23,263
DE	4,439	4,553	4,189	4,359	4,616	4,836
FL	1,605	1,505	1,876	*1,601	1,518	1,525
GA	24,145	24,338	24,134	*24,438	*25,322	23,937
KY	4,933	5,384	5,488	5,458	*5,960	4,797
LA	3,600	3,704	3,896	3,578	3,620	3,785
MD	5,563	5,232	6,308	5,727	5,418	4,490
MS	15,221	14,673	14,526	14,925	14,983	14,254
NC	13,156	12,575	13,790	13,225	13,155	13,270
OK	5,390	5,769	4,197	3,966	3,924	5,143
PA	2,635	2,555	2,542	*2,634	*2,485	2,364
SC	4,265	4,188	3,685	4,040	4,196	3,262
TX	*11,674	*10,812	*11,958	*11,762	*11,863	10,646
VA	4,696	4,696	5,069	4,415	5,130	5,168
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*14,563	*13,976	*14,215	*14,155	*14,108	12,855
19 State Total	*159,201	*157,538	*160,277	*158,893	*160,224	153,307
Previous Year Total	155,770	154,082	155,782	157,001	155,287	151,790
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	103	101	103	101

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