



# 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 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 15, 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 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 156 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 15, 2003. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 15, 2003 were 7.66 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 11 2003	Oct 18 2003	Oct 25 2003	Nov 1 2003	Nov 8 2003	Nov 15 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,568	26,185	26,822	26,638	28,116	28,842
AR	29,386	28,989	*28,783	27,849	28,876	29,786
DE	3,529	3,181	3,233	3,690	3,906	3,544
FL	1,359	1,348	1,353	1,353	1,351	1,353
GA	31,853	29,647	*28,397	30,277	31,514	32,466
KY	6,831	5,370	6,025	*6,200	*6,514	6,739
LA	3,758	3,782	3,691	3,847	3,861	3,886
MD	8,502	8,005	*7,915	8,840	8,891	8,417
MS	17,910	16,983	*17,469	16,229	17,295	18,276
NC	16,576	16,290	*17,655	17,681	17,348	18,135
OK	5,864	6,037	6,505	6,090	5,890	6,400
PA	3,451	3,362	3,484	*3,409	3,588	3,638
SC	4,080	3,907	4,206	4,097	4,104	3,749
TX	14,222	12,859	12,974	14,380	14,788	14,512
VA	6,360	6,378	6,670	6,205	6,116	6,591
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,337	15,133	14,953	16,033	*16,279	17,136
19 State Total	196,586	187,456	*190,135	*192,818	*198,437	203,470
Previous Year Total	192,080	185,654	181,106	189,835	197,676	199,041
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	105	102	100	102

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 11 2003	Oct 18 2003	Oct 25 2003	Nov 1 2003	Nov 8 2003	Nov 15 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,421	20,649	21,380	20,866	19,712	20,197
AR	23,157	23,755	23,230	23,060	23,263	23,335
DE	4,553	4,189	4,359	4,616	4,836	4,306
FL	1,505	1,876	1,601	1,518	1,525	1,664
GA	24,338	24,134	24,438	25,322	*23,856	22,830
KY	5,384	5,488	5,458	*5,957	*4,810	5,314
LA	3,704	3,896	3,578	3,620	3,785	3,417
MD	5,232	6,308	5,727	5,418	4,490	5,270
MS	14,673	14,526	14,925	14,983	14,254	15,291
NC	12,575	13,790	13,225	13,155	13,270	14,134
OK	5,769	4,197	3,966	3,924	5,143	4,374
PA	2,555	2,542	2,634	*2,505	2,364	2,461
SC	4,188	3,685	4,040	4,196	3,262	3,604
TX	10,812	11,958	11,762	11,863	10,646	10,738
VA	4,696	5,069	4,415	5,130	5,168	5,629
CA, MO, TN, & WV	13,976	14,215	14,155	14,108	*13,433	13,737
19 State Total	157,538	160,277	158,893	*160,241	*153,817	156,301
Previous Year Total	154,082	155,782	157,001	155,287	151,790	147,970
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	101	103	101	106

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