



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 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 22, 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 157 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 22, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 22, 2003 were 7.81 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 18 2003	Oct 25 2003	Nov 1 2003	Nov 8 2003	Nov 15 2003	Nov 22 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,185	26,822	*25,819	28,116	28,842	28,598
AR	28,989	28,783	27,849	28,876	29,786	29,996
DE	3,181	3,233	3,690	3,906	3,544	3,546
FL	1,348	1,353	1,353	1,351	1,353	1,352
GA	29,647	*28,396	*30,141	31,514	32,466	31,599
KY	*5,568	*6,009	6,200	6,514	6,739	6,689
LA	3,782	3,691	3,847	3,861	3,886	3,845
MD	8,005	7,915	8,840	8,891	8,417	8,752
MS	16,983	17,469	*16,501	17,295	18,276	18,389
NC	16,290	17,655	*17,707	17,348	18,135	18,125
OK	6,037	6,505	6,090	5,890	6,400	6,391
PA	3,362	3,484	3,409	*3,590	3,638	3,751
SC	3,907	4,206	4,097	4,104	3,749	3,618
TX	12,859	12,974	14,380	14,788	14,512	14,782
VA	6,378	6,670	6,205	6,116	6,591	6,622
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,133	14,953	16,033	*17,335	*17,165	17,023
19 State Total	*187,654	*190,118	*192,161	*199,495	*203,499	203,078
Previous Year Total	185,654	181,106	189,835	197,676	199,041	200,518
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	105	101	101	102	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 18 2003	Oct 25 2003	Nov 1 2003	Nov 8 2003	Nov 15 2003	Nov 22 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,649	21,380	20,866	19,712	20,197	19,326
AR	23,755	23,230	23,060	23,263	23,335	22,777
DE	4,189	4,359	4,616	4,836	4,306	4,901
FL	1,876	1,601	1,518	1,525	1,664	1,477
GA	24,134	24,438	25,322	23,856	*22,834	23,524
KY	5,488	5,458	5,957	*4,893	*5,287	5,306
LA	3,896	3,578	3,620	3,785	3,417	3,976
MD	6,308	5,727	5,418	4,490	5,270	5,636
MS	14,526	14,925	14,983	14,254	15,291	14,292
NC	13,790	13,225	13,155	13,270	14,134	13,782
OK	4,197	3,966	3,924	5,143	4,374	4,255
PA	2,542	2,634	2,505	*2,370	2,461	2,564
SC	3,685	4,040	4,196	3,262	*3,342	4,325
TX	11,958	11,762	11,863	10,646	10,738	11,887
VA	5,069	4,415	5,130	5,168	5,629	4,953
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,215	14,155	14,108	*13,431	*13,743	13,705
19 State Total	160,277	158,893	160,241	*153,904	*156,022	156,686
Previous Year Total	155,782	157,001	155,287	151,790	147,970	154,972
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	101	103	101	105	101

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