



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 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 29, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 29, 2003. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 29, 2003 were 7.98 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Oct 25 2003 | Nov 1 2003 | Nov 8 2003 | Nov 15 2003 | Nov 22 2003 | Nov 29 2003 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 26,822 | 25,819 | *28,438 | 28,842 | 28,598 | 29,276 |
| AR | 28,783 | 27,849 | *29,303 | 29,786 | 29,996 | 30,487 |
| DE | 3,233 | 3,690 | 3,906 | 3,544 | 3,546 | 3,785 |
| FL | 1,353 | 1,353 | 1,351 | 1,353 | 1,352 | 1,352 |
| GA | 28,396 | 30,141 | *31,432 | 32,466 | *31,862 | 32,964 |
| KY | 6,009 | *6,328 | *6,553 | 6,739 | *6,721 | 6,724 |
| LA | 3,691 | 3,847 | 3,861 | 3,886 | 3,845 | 3,846 |
| MD | 7,915 | 8,840 | 8,891 | 8,417 | 8,752 | 8,753 |
| MS | 17,469 | 16,501 | *17,597 | 18,276 | 18,389 | 19,027 |
| NC | 17,655 | 17,707 | *17,872 | 18,135 | 18,125 | 18,104 |
| OK | 6,505 | 6,090 | 5,890 | 6,400 | 6,391 | 6,312 |
| PA | 3,484 | 3,409 | 3,590 | *3,711 | 3,751 | 3,583 |
| SC | 4,206 | 4,097 | 4,104 | 3,749 | 3,618 | 3,940 |
| TX | 12,974 | 14,380 | 14,788 | 14,512 | 14,782 | 14,857 |
| VA | 6,670 | 6,205 | 6,116 | 6,591 | 6,622 | 6,622 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | *14,946 | *16,044 | *17,316 | 17,165 | *17,003 | 17,490 |
| 19 State Total | *190,111 | *192,300 | *201,008 | *203,572 | *203,353 | 207,122 |
| Previous Year Total | 181,106 | 189,835 | 197,676 | 199,041 | 200,518 | 202,537 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 105 | 101 | 102 | 102 | 101 | 102 |

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Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Oct 25 2003 | Nov 1 2003 | Nov 8 2003 | Nov 15 2003 | Nov 22 2003 | Nov 29 2003 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 21,380 | 20,866 | 19,712 | 20,197 | 19,326 | 21,133 |
| AR | 23,230 | 23,060 | 23,263 | 23,335 | 22,777 | 23,381 |
| DE | 4,359 | 4,616 | 4,836 | 4,306 | 4,901 | 5,638 |
| FL | 1,601 | 1,518 | 1,525 | 1,664 | *1,491 | 1,809 |
| GA | 24,438 | 25,322 | 23,856 | *22,525 | *23,396 | 25,062 |
| KY | 5,458 | 5,957 | 4,893 | 5,287 | *5,267 | 5,129 |
| LA | 3,578 | 3,620 | 3,785 | 3,417 | 3,976 | 3,885 |
| MD | 5,727 | 5,418 | 4,490 | 5,270 | 5,636 | 5,188 |
| MS | 14,925 | 14,983 | 14,254 | 15,291 | 14,292 | 15,146 |
| NC | 13,225 | 13,155 | 13,270 | 14,134 | 13,782 | 14,112 |
| OK | 3,966 | 3,924 | 5,143 | 4,374 | 4,255 | 4,476 |
| PA | 2,634 | 2,505 | 2,370 | *2,489 | 2,564 | 2,661 |
| SC | 4,040 | 4,196 | 3,262 | 3,342 | 4,325 | 4,294 |
| TX | 11,762 | 11,863 | 10,646 | 10,738 | 11,887 | 12,276 |
| VA | 4,415 | 5,130 | 5,168 | 5,629 | 4,953 | 5,101 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | 14,155 | *14,116 | *13,435 | *13,733 | *14,212 | 15,588 |
| 19 State Total | 158,893 | *160,249 | *153,908 | *155,731 | *157,040 | 164,879 |
| Previous Year Total | 157,001 | 155,287 | 151,790 | 147,970 | 154,972 | 161,690 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 101 | 103 | 101 | 105 | 101 | 102 |

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