



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 December 6, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 6, 2003. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through December 6, 2003 were 8.15 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 1 2003	Nov 8 2003	Nov 15 2003	Nov 22 2003	Nov 29 2003	Dec 6 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	25,819	28,438	*29,523	28,598	29,276	29,379
AR	27,849	29,303	29,786	29,996	30,487	30,058
DE	3,690	3,906	3,544	3,546	3,785	3,828
FL	1,353	1,351	1,353	1,352	1,352	1,354
GA	30,141	31,432	*32,944	31,862	32,964	31,576
KY	6,328	6,553	6,739	*6,783	*6,895	6,965
LA	3,847	3,861	3,886	3,845	3,846	3,832
MD	8,840	8,891	8,417	8,752	8,753	8,763
MS	16,501	17,597	18,276	18,389	19,027	19,237
NC	17,707	17,872	*18,138	18,125	18,104	16,791
OK	6,090	5,890	6,400	6,391	6,312	6,358
PA	3,409	3,590	3,711	3,751	*3,606	3,549
SC	4,097	4,104	3,749	3,618	3,940	3,794
TX	14,380	*14,787	*14,509	*14,779	*14,854	14,151
VA	6,205	6,116	6,591	6,622	6,622	6,438
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,044	*17,319	*17,500	*17,049	*17,594	16,810
19 State Total	192,300	*201,010	*205,066	*203,458	*207,417	202,883
Previous Year Total	189,835	197,676	199,041	200,518	202,537	199,994
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	103	101	102	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 1 2003	Nov 8 2003	Nov 15 2003	Nov 22 2003	Nov 29 2003	Dec 6 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,866	19,712	20,197	19,326	21,133	21,822
AR	23,060	23,263	23,335	22,777	23,381	22,652
DE	4,616	4,836	4,306	4,901	5,638	4,892
FL	1,518	1,525	1,664	1,491	1,809	1,595
GA	25,322	23,856	22,525	23,396	25,062	25,000
KY	5,957	4,893	5,287	*5,280	*5,113	5,465
LA	3,620	3,785	3,417	3,976	3,885	3,868
MD	5,418	4,490	5,270	5,636	5,188	5,299
MS	14,983	14,254	15,291	14,292	15,146	15,738
NC	13,155	13,270	*14,247	*13,844	*14,175	14,550
OK	3,924	5,143	4,374	4,255	4,476	5,858
PA	2,505	2,370	2,489	2,564	*2,655	2,678
SC	4,196	3,262	3,342	4,325	4,294	4,273
TX	11,863	*10,645	10,738	11,887	12,276	12,030
VA	5,130	5,168	5,629	4,953	*4,527	5,822
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*14,115	13,435	*13,800	*13,995	*15,256	15,500
19 State Total	*160,248	*153,907	*155,911	*156,898	*164,014	167,042
Previous Year Total	155,287	151,790	147,970	154,972	161,690	161,841
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	101	105	101	101	103

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