



# 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 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 13, 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 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 13, 2003. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through December 13, 2003 were 8.31 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 8 2003	Nov 15 2003	Nov 22 2003	Nov 29 2003	Dec 6 2003	Dec 13 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,438	29,523	*28,630	29,276	29,379	29,560
AR	*29,304	*29,978	29,996	*30,923	*30,571	30,992
DE	3,906	3,544	3,546	3,785	3,828	3,805
FL	1,351	1,353	1,352	1,352	1,354	1,354
GA	31,432	*33,065	31,862	32,964	*31,664	33,269
KY	6,553	*6,839	*6,884	6,895	6,965	6,768
LA	3,861	3,886	3,845	3,846	3,832	3,847
MD	8,891	8,417	8,752	8,753	8,763	8,868
MS	17,597	18,276	*18,571	19,027	19,237	19,396
NC	17,872	18,138	*17,986	18,104	16,791	17,881
OK	5,890	6,400	6,391	6,312	6,358	6,371
PA	*3,586	*3,703	*3,845	*3,841	*3,723	3,627
SC	4,104	3,749	3,618	3,940	3,794	3,861
TX	14,787	14,509	14,779	14,854	14,151	13,879
VA	6,116	6,591	6,622	6,622	6,438	6,349
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,319	17,500	*17,313	17,594	*16,822	16,591
19 State Total	*201,007	*205,471	*203,992	*208,088	*203,670	206,418
Previous Year Total	197,676	199,041	200,518	202,537	199,994	203,251
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	102	103	102	102

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 8 2003	Nov 15 2003	Nov 22 2003	Nov 29 2003	Dec 6 2003	Dec 13 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,712	20,197	19,326	21,133	21,822	21,878
AR	23,263	23,335	22,777	23,381	*22,786	23,280
DE	4,836	4,306	4,901	5,638	4,892	4,689
FL	1,525	1,664	*1,548	1,809	*1,644	1,420
GA	23,856	22,525	*23,264	*25,001	*25,137	24,645
KY	4,893	*5,174	*5,219	*5,051	*5,432	5,849
LA	3,785	3,417	3,976	3,885	3,868	3,933
MD	4,490	5,270	5,636	5,188	5,299	5,942
MS	14,254	15,291	14,292	15,146	15,738	15,804
NC	13,270	14,247	13,844	14,175	14,550	14,383
OK	5,143	4,374	4,255	4,476	5,858	5,512
PA	*2,301	*2,421	*2,496	*2,674	*2,619	2,771
SC	3,262	3,342	4,325	4,294	4,273	3,842
TX	10,645	10,738	11,887	12,276	12,030	12,292
VA	5,168	5,629	4,953	4,527	5,822	5,285
CA, MO, TN, & WV	13,435	13,800	13,995	15,256	*16,000	15,255
19 State Total	*153,838	*155,730	*156,694	*163,910	*167,770	166,780
Previous Year Total	151,790	147,970	154,972	161,690	161,841	163,147
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	105	101	101	104	102

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