



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 20, 2003. This was up 3 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 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 20, 2003. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through December 20, 2003 were 8.48 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 15 2003	Nov 22 2003	Nov 29 2003	Dec 6 2003	Dec 13 2003	Dec 20 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,523	28,630	29,276	29,379	29,560	29,403
AR	29,978	29,996	30,923	30,571	30,992	30,777
DE	3,544	3,546	3,785	3,828	3,805	3,777
FL	1,353	1,352	1,352	1,354	1,354	1,353
GA	*32,982	*32,026	*33,051	31,664	33,269	32,128
KY	6,839	6,884	6,895	6,965	6,768	6,781
LA	3,886	3,845	3,846	3,832	3,847	3,784
MD	8,417	8,752	*8,865	8,763	8,868	8,884
MS	18,276	18,571	19,027	19,237	19,396	19,182
NC	18,138	17,986	*18,386	16,791	*18,004	18,046
OK	6,400	6,391	6,312	6,358	6,371	6,442
PA	3,703	3,845	3,841	*3,795	*3,624	3,775
SC	3,749	3,618	3,940	3,794	3,861	3,517
TX	14,509	14,779	14,854	14,151	13,879	14,882
VA	6,591	6,622	6,622	6,438	6,349	6,325
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,500	17,313	17,594	*16,821	16,591	17,284
19 State Total	*205,388	*204,156	*208,569	*203,741	*206,538	206,340
Previous Year Total	199,041	200,518	202,537	199,994	203,251	200,056
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	103	102	102	103

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 15 2003	Nov 22 2003	Nov 29 2003	Dec 6 2003	Dec 13 2003	Dec 20 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,197	19,326	21,133	21,822	21,878	21,938
AR	23,335	22,777	23,381	22,786	23,280	24,764
DE	4,306	4,901	*6,159	4,892	4,689	4,857
FL	1,664	1,548	1,809	1,644	1,420	1,616
GA	22,525	23,264	*24,971	25,137	*24,688	25,840
KY	5,174	5,219	5,051	5,432	5,849	5,647
LA	3,417	3,976	3,885	3,868	3,933	3,554
MD	5,270	5,636	*5,243	5,299	5,942	6,101
MS	15,291	14,292	15,146	15,738	15,804	16,228
NC	14,247	13,844	*14,130	14,550	*14,354	14,608
OK	4,374	4,255	4,476	5,858	5,512	4,383
PA	2,421	2,496	2,674	*2,663	*2,669	2,637
SC	3,342	4,325	4,294	4,273	3,842	4,469
TX	10,738	11,887	12,276	12,030	12,292	12,356
VA	5,629	4,953	4,527	5,822	5,285	5,131
CA, MO, TN, & WV	13,800	13,995	15,256	16,000	*15,254	16,027
19 State Total	155,730	156,694	*164,411	*167,814	*166,691	170,156
Previous Year Total	147,970	154,972	161,690	161,841	163,147	164,898
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	101	102	104	102	103

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