



# 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 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 3, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 3, 2003. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 29 2003	Dec 6 2003	Dec 13 2003	Dec 20 2003	Dec 27 2003	Jan 3 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,133	29,379	*29,633	*29,447	*29,725	29,693
AR	30,923	30,882	30,992	30,777	31,091	30,893
DE	3,785	3,828	3,805	3,777	*3,696	3,678
FL	1,352	1,354	1,354	1,353	1,353	1,329
GA	*33,371	*32,766	*33,453	*32,237	*32,909	33,440
KY	6,895	6,965	6,768	*6,786	*6,716	6,595
LA	3,846	3,832	3,847	3,784	3,452	3,588
MD	8,865	8,763	8,868	8,884	*8,793	8,858
MS	19,027	19,237	19,396	19,182	18,908	19,073
NC	18,386	16,278	*18,145	18,046	17,187	17,861
OK	6,312	6,358	6,371	6,442	*6,213	6,263
PA	3,841	3,795	*3,633	*3,745	*3,838	3,741
SC	3,940	3,794	3,861	3,517	3,614	3,659
TX	14,854	14,151	13,879	14,882	14,631	14,322
VA	6,622	6,438	6,349	6,325	6,174	6,220
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,594	16,821	*16,746	*16,772	*17,011	17,041
19 State Total	*208,746	*204,641	*207,100	*205,956	*205,311	206,254
Previous Year Total	202,537	199,994	203,251	200,056	201,018	204,119
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	102	103	102	101

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 29 2003	Dec 6 2003	Dec 13 2003	Dec 20 2003	Dec 27 2003	Jan 3 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,133	21,822	21,878	*21,230	*21,883	21,775
AR	23,381	22,786	23,280	24,764	*25,698	24,457
DE	6,159	4,892	4,689	4,857	*4,230	4,201
FL	1,809	1,644	1,420	1,827	1,703	1,736
GA	24,971	25,137	*24,680	*25,971	*26,178	26,279
KY	5,051	5,432	5,849	*5,750	*5,654	5,805
LA	3,885	3,868	3,933	3,554	3,708	3,802
MD	5,243	5,299	5,942	6,101	*6,495	6,470
MS	15,146	15,738	15,804	16,328	16,463	16,528
NC	14,130	14,550	14,354	14,608	13,481	14,162
OK	4,476	5,858	5,512	4,383	*3,879	5,505
PA	2,674	2,663	*2,700	*2,650	*2,642	2,509
SC	4,294	4,273	3,842	4,469	3,928	3,776
TX	12,276	12,030	12,292	12,356	11,822	11,457
VA	4,527	5,822	5,285	5,131	*4,896	5,386
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,256	16,000	*15,319	*15,766	*15,201	14,140
19 State Total	164,411	167,814	*166,779	*169,745	*167,861	167,988
Previous Year Total	161,690	161,841	163,147	164,898	162,414	164,413
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	104	102	103	103	102

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