



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 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 10, 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 82 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 January 10, 2003. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 27, 2003 through January 10, 2004 were 335 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 6 2003	Dec 13 2003	Dec 20 2003	Dec 27 2003	Jan 3 2004	Jan 10 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,379	29,633	*29,084	29,725	29,693	29,586
AR	30,882	30,992	30,777	31,091	30,893	31,084
DE	3,828	3,805	3,777	3,696	3,678	3,749
FL	1,354	1,354	1,353	1,353	1,329	1,348
GA	32,766	33,453	*32,513	32,909	33,440	32,700
KY	*6,701	*6,994	6,786	*6,732	*6,626	6,586
LA	3,832	3,847	3,784	3,452	3,588	3,608
MD	8,763	8,868	8,884	8,793	8,858	8,869
MS	19,237	19,396	19,182	18,908	19,073	19,115
NC	16,278	*18,121	*17,890	17,187	17,861	18,192
OK	6,358	6,371	6,442	6,213	6,263	6,394
PA	3,795	3,633	3,745	3,838	*3,754	3,774
SC	3,794	3,861	3,517	3,614	3,659	3,690
TX	14,151	13,879	*14,588	*14,638	*14,328	14,695
VA	6,438	6,349	6,325	6,174	6,220	6,273
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,820	*16,735	*16,770	*17,009	*17,083	16,873
19 State Total	*204,376	*207,291	*205,417	*205,332	*206,346	206,536
Previous Year Total	199,994	203,251	200,056	201,018	204,119	203,492
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	103	102	101	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 6 2003	Dec 13 2003	Dec 20 2003	Dec 27 2003	Jan 3 2004	Jan 10 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,822	21,878	21,230	21,883	21,775	21,719
AR	22,786	23,280	24,764	25,698	24,457	24,747
DE	4,892	4,689	4,857	4,230	4,201	4,467
FL	1,644	1,420	1,827	1,703	1,736	1,622
GA	*24,940	*24,681	25,971	*25,972	*26,469	24,882
KY	5,432	5,849	*5,845	*5,509	*5,885	5,715
LA	3,868	3,933	3,554	3,708	3,802	3,823
MD	5,299	5,942	6,101	6,495	6,470	6,113
MS	15,738	15,804	16,328	16,463	16,528	16,012
NC	14,550	14,354	14,608	13,481	14,162	14,017
OK	5,858	5,512	4,383	3,879	5,505	4,995
PA	2,663	2,700	2,650	2,642	*2,523	2,592
SC	4,273	3,842	4,469	3,928	3,776	4,437
TX	12,030	12,292	12,356	11,822	11,457	11,982
VA	5,822	5,285	5,131	4,896	5,386	4,981
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,006	*15,300	*15,774	*15,191	*14,198	14,893
19 State Total	*167,623	*166,761	*169,848	*167,500	*168,330	166,997
Previous Year Total	161,841	163,147	164,898	162,414	164,413	162,132
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	102	103	103	102	103

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