



# 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 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 17, 2004. This was up 2 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 17, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through January 17, 2004 were 502 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 13 2003	Dec 20 2003	Dec 27 2003	Jan 3 2004	Jan 10 2004	Jan 17 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,633	29,084	*29,714	29,693	29,586	29,543
AR	30,992	30,777	31,091	30,893	31,084	31,324
DE	3,805	3,777	3,696	3,678	3,749	3,829
FL	1,354	1,353	1,353	1,329	1,348	1,359
GA	33,453	*32,541	*33,064	33,440	32,700	33,168
KY	6,994	*6,862	*6,883	6,626	6,586	6,449
LA	3,847	3,784	3,452	3,588	3,608	3,662
MD	8,868	8,884	8,793	8,858	*8,845	8,867
MS	19,396	19,182	18,908	19,073	19,115	19,344
NC	18,121	17,890	*17,868	17,861	18,192	17,864
OK	6,371	6,442	6,213	6,263	6,394	6,247
PA	*3,641	*3,754	*3,847	*3,351	*3,342	3,650
SC	3,861	3,517	3,614	3,659	3,690	3,702
TX	13,879	14,588	14,638	14,328	14,695	14,800
VA	6,349	6,325	6,174	6,220	6,273	6,230
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,735	*16,638	*16,692	*16,790	*16,797	17,021
19 State Total	*207,299	*205,398	*206,000	*205,650	*206,004	207,059
Previous Year Total	203,251	200,056	201,018	204,119	203,492	202,802
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	102	101	101	102

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 13 2003	Dec 20 2003	Dec 27 2003	Jan 3 2004	Jan 10 2004	Jan 17 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,878	21,230	21,883	21,775	21,719	21,967
AR	23,280	24,764	25,698	24,457	24,747	25,061
DE	4,689	4,857	4,230	4,201	*4,354	5,224
FL	1,420	1,827	1,703	1,736	*1,609	1,637
GA	24,681	25,971	*26,178	26,469	*24,976	26,211
KY	5,849	5,845	*5,899	5,885	*5,742	5,649
LA	3,933	3,554	3,708	3,802	3,823	3,477
MD	5,942	6,101	6,495	6,470	*6,143	5,049
MS	15,804	16,328	16,463	16,528	16,012	16,632
NC	14,354	14,608	13,481	14,162	14,017	14,115
OK	5,512	4,383	3,879	5,505	4,995	4,471
PA	*2,669	*2,678	*2,653	*2,612	*2,563	2,653
SC	3,842	4,469	3,928	3,776	4,437	3,467
TX	12,292	12,356	11,822	11,457	11,982	12,001
VA	5,285	5,131	4,896	5,386	*5,088	4,798
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,300	*16,402	*15,411	*14,177	*14,599	14,063
19 State Total	*166,730	*170,504	*168,327	*168,398	*166,806	166,475
Previous Year Total	163,147	164,898	162,414	164,413	162,132	163,604
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	104	102	103	102

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