



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 24, 2004. This was up slightly 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 24, 2004. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through January 24, 2004 were 667 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 20 2003 | Dec 27 2003 | Jan 3 2004 | Jan 10 2004 | Jan 17 2004 | Jan 24 2004 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 29,084 | 29,714 | 29,693 | 29,586 | 29,543 | 29,462 |
| AR | 30,777 | 31,091 | 30,893 | 31,084 | 31,324 | 30,709 |
| DE | 3,777 | 3,696 | 3,678 | 3,749 | 3,829 | 3,917 |
| FL | 1,353 | 1,353 | 1,329 | 1,348 | 1,359 | 1,364 |
| GA | *32,661 | *33,078 | *33,517 | *32,686 | *33,166 | 32,451 |
| KY | 6,862 | 6,883 | 6,626 | 6,586 | *6,564 | 5,666 |
| LA | 3,784 | 3,452 | 3,588 | 3,608 | 3,662 | 3,666 |
| MD | 8,884 | 8,793 | 8,858 | *8,842 | *8,868 | 8,680 |
| MS | 19,182 | 18,908 | 19,073 | 19,115 | 19,344 | 18,957 |
| NC | 17,890 | 17,868 | *17,561 | 18,192 | 17,864 | 18,185 |
| OK | 6,442 | 6,213 | 6,263 | 6,394 | 6,247 | 6,423 |
| PA | 3,754 | 3,847 | 3,351 | 3,342 | 3,650 | 3,641 |
| SC | 3,517 | 3,614 | 3,659 | 3,690 | 3,702 | 3,683 |
| TX | 14,588 | 14,638 | *14,428 | 14,695 | 14,800 | 14,787 |
| VA | 6,325 | 6,174 | 6,220 | 6,273 | 6,230 | 6,266 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | *16,647 | 16,692 | 16,790 | 16,797 | 17,021 | 17,143 |
| 19 State Total | *205,527 | *206,014 | *205,527 | *205,987 | *207,173 | 205,000 |
| Previous Year Total | 200,056 | 201,018 | 204,119 | 203,492 | 202,802 | 204,707 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 103 | 102 | 101 | 101 | 102 | 100 |

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Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Dec 20 2003 | Dec 27 2003 | Jan 3 2004 | Jan 10 2004 | Jan 17 2004 | Jan 24 2004 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 21,230 | 21,883 | 21,775 | 21,719 | 21,967 | 22,008 |
| AR | 24,764 | 25,698 | 24,457 | 24,747 | 25,061 | 23,939 |
| DE | 4,857 | 4,230 | 4,201 | *4,224 | *5,447 | 5,397 |
| FL | 1,827 | 1,703 | 1,736 | 1,609 | 1,637 | 1,561 |
| GA | 25,971 | 26,178 | 26,469 | 24,976 | *26,153 | 25,937 |
| KY | 5,845 | 5,899 | 5,885 | 5,742 | *5,574 | 5,734 |
| LA | 3,554 | 3,708 | 3,802 | 3,823 | 3,477 | 3,640 |
| MD | 6,101 | 6,495 | 6,470 | *6,186 | *4,842 | 4,698 |
| MS | 16,328 | 16,463 | 16,528 | 16,012 | 16,632 | 16,314 |
| NC | 14,608 | 13,481 | 14,162 | 14,017 | 14,115 | 13,810 |
| OK | 4,383 | 3,879 | 5,505 | 4,995 | 4,471 | 4,648 |
| PA | 2,678 | 2,653 | 2,612 | 2,563 | 2,653 | 2,456 |
| SC | 4,469 | 3,928 | 3,776 | 4,437 | 3,467 | 4,308 |
| TX | 12,356 | 11,822 | 11,457 | 11,982 | 12,001 | 11,848 |
| VA | 5,131 | 4,896 | 5,386 | 5,088 | 4,798 | 4,779 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | 16,402 | *15,412 | 14,177 | *14,602 | *14,279 | 14,282 |
| 19 State Total | 170,504 | *168,328 | 168,398 | *166,722 | *166,574 | 165,359 |
| Previous Year Total | 164,898 | 162,414 | 164,413 | 162,132 | 163,604 | 166,045 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 103 | 104 | 102 | 103 | 102 | 100 |

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