



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 February 7, 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 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 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 7, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through February 7, 2004 were 1.00 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 3 2004	Jan 10 2004	Jan 17 2004	Jan 24 2004	Jan 31 2004	Feb 7 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,693	29,753	*29,293	29,462	29,084	29,171
AR	30,893	31,084	31,324	30,728	30,944	30,374
DE	3,678	3,749	3,829	3,917	3,624	3,710
FL	1,329	1,348	1,359	1,364	1,347	1,364
GA	33,517	33,030	*33,059	32,451	33,063	33,374
KY	6,626	*6,646	6,517	5,619	*6,459	7,254
LA	3,588	3,608	3,662	3,666	3,657	3,673
MD	8,858	8,842	8,868	8,680	*8,840	8,570
MS	19,073	19,115	19,344	18,957	19,207	18,928
NC	17,561	18,144	*17,817	17,855	17,573	18,097
OK	6,263	6,394	6,247	6,423	5,655	6,338
PA	3,351	3,337	3,667	*3,749	3,501	3,694
SC	3,659	3,690	3,702	3,683	*3,646	3,638
TX	*14,449	*14,715	*14,798	*14,785	*14,754	14,785
VA	6,220	6,273	6,230	6,266	6,129	6,363
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,789	*16,801	*17,011	17,135	*16,897	17,313
19 State Total	*205,547	*206,529	*206,727	*204,740	*204,380	206,646
Previous Year Total	204,119	203,492	202,802	204,707	203,905	202,772
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	102	100	100	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 3 2004	Jan 10 2004	Jan 17 2004	Jan 24 2004	Jan 31 2004	Feb 7 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,775	21,719	21,967	22,008	22,264	21,502
AR	24,457	24,747	25,061	23,942	23,910	24,701
DE	4,201	4,224	5,447	5,397	*5,369	4,860
FL	1,736	1,609	1,637	1,561	1,603	1,859
GA	26,469	24,976	26,153	25,937	25,636	25,780
KY	5,885	5,742	5,541	5,744	*5,254	5,592
LA	3,802	3,823	3,477	3,640	3,668	3,702
MD	6,470	6,186	4,842	4,698	*5,461	5,508
MS	16,528	16,012	16,632	16,314	*16,402	16,598
NC	14,162	14,017	14,115	13,863	*14,303	14,056
OK	5,505	4,995	4,471	4,648	5,250	4,902
PA	2,612	2,591	2,626	*2,533	2,527	2,631
SC	3,776	4,437	3,467	4,308	*4,204	4,087
TX	11,457	*11,999	*12,018	*11,865	*12,098	12,165
VA	5,386	5,088	4,798	4,779	4,751	5,634
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,177	*14,604	*14,277	*14,278	*15,393	15,202
19 State Total	168,398	*166,769	*166,529	*165,515	*168,093	168,779
Previous Year Total	164,413	162,132	163,604	166,045	166,420	164,887
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	102	100	101	102

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