



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 14, 2004. This was up 3 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 14, 2004. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through February 14, 2004 were 1.17 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 10 2004	Jan 17 2004	Jan 24 2004	Jan 31 2004	Feb 7 2004	Feb 14 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,753	29,293	29,462	29,084	29,171	29,273
AR	31,084	31,324	30,728	30,944	30,374	31,055
DE	3,749	3,829	3,917	3,624	3,710	3,703
FL	1,348	1,359	1,364	1,347	1,364	1,354
GA	33,030	33,059	*33,130	33,063	33,374	32,887
KY	6,646	*6,554	*5,657	6,459	*7,099	7,016
LA	3,608	3,662	3,666	3,657	3,673	3,774
MD	8,842	8,868	8,680	8,840	8,570	8,930
MS	19,115	19,344	18,957	19,207	18,928	19,229
NC	18,144	17,817	*17,978	17,573	18,097	18,337
OK	6,394	6,247	6,423	5,655	6,338	6,346
PA	3,337	3,667	3,749	*3,524	*3,722	3,788
SC	3,690	3,702	3,683	3,646	3,638	3,488
TX	14,715	14,798	14,785	14,754	14,785	14,976
VA	6,273	6,230	6,266	6,129	6,363	6,308
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,801	17,011	17,135	16,897	17,313	17,161
19 State Total	206,529	*206,764	*205,580	*204,403	*206,519	207,625
Previous Year Total	203,492	202,802	204,707	203,905	202,772	202,449
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	100	100	102	103

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 10 2004	Jan 17 2004	Jan 24 2004	Jan 31 2004	Feb 7 2004	Feb 14 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,719	21,967	22,008	22,264	21,502	21,695
AR	24,747	25,061	23,942	23,910	24,701	24,281
DE	4,224	5,447	5,397	5,369	4,860	4,216
FL	1,609	1,637	1,561	1,603	1,859	1,689
GA	24,976	26,153	25,937	25,636	25,780	25,613
KY	5,742	5,541	5,744	5,254	*5,582	4,550
LA	3,823	3,477	3,640	3,668	3,702	3,532
MD	6,186	4,842	4,698	5,461	5,508	6,353
MS	16,012	16,632	16,314	16,402	16,598	16,309
NC	14,017	14,115	13,863	14,303	14,056	13,703
OK	4,995	4,471	4,648	5,250	4,902	4,917
PA	2,591	2,626	2,533	*2,532	*2,646	2,656
SC	4,437	3,467	4,308	4,204	*4,162	4,154
TX	11,999	12,018	11,865	12,098	12,165	12,172
VA	5,088	4,798	4,779	4,751	5,634	5,099
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,604	14,277	14,278	15,393	*15,210	15,320
19 State Total	166,769	166,529	165,515	*168,098	*168,867	166,259
Previous Year Total	162,132	163,604	166,045	166,420	164,887	165,871
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	100	101	102	100

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