



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 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 21, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 21, 2004. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through February 21, 2004 were 1.34 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 17 2004	Jan 24 2004	Jan 31 2004	Feb 7 2004	Feb 14 2004	Feb 21 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,293	29,462	29,084	29,171	29,273	29,778
AR	31,324	30,728	30,944	30,374	31,055	31,008
DE	3,829	3,917	3,624	*3,721	3,703	2,958
FL	1,359	1,364	1,347	1,364	1,354	1,363
GA	33,059	*33,083	33,063	33,374	32,887	33,292
KY	6,554	5,657	6,459	7,099	*7,013	6,958
LA	3,662	3,666	3,657	3,673	3,774	3,812
MD	8,868	8,680	8,840	8,570	8,930	8,846
MS	19,344	18,957	19,207	18,928	19,229	19,179
NC	17,817	17,978	*17,556	18,097	*18,385	18,610
OK	6,247	6,423	5,655	6,338	*6,357	6,390
PA	3,667	3,749	3,524	3,722	*3,615	3,710
SC	3,702	3,683	3,646	3,638	3,488	3,767
TX	14,798	14,785	*14,802	14,785	14,976	14,949
VA	6,230	6,266	6,129	6,363	6,308	6,417
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,011	17,135	*16,905	17,313	*17,191	17,379
19 State Total	206,764	*205,533	*204,442	*206,530	*207,538	208,416
Previous Year Total	202,802	204,707	203,905	202,772	202,449	204,584
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	100	100	102	103	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 17 2004	Jan 24 2004	Jan 31 2004	Feb 7 2004	Feb 14 2004	Feb 21 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,967	22,008	22,264	21,502	21,695	20,929
AR	25,061	23,942	23,910	24,701	*24,306	24,415
DE	5,447	5,397	5,369	*4,730	*4,183	5,116
FL	1,637	1,561	1,603	1,859	1,689	1,947
GA	26,153	25,937	25,636	*25,821	25,613	26,000
KY	5,541	5,744	5,254	5,582	*4,545	5,620
LA	3,477	3,640	3,668	3,702	3,532	3,489
MD	4,842	4,698	5,461	*5,657	*6,394	5,294
MS	16,632	16,314	16,402	16,598	16,309	16,524
NC	14,115	13,863	14,303	14,056	*14,246	14,067
OK	4,471	4,648	5,250	4,902	*4,916	4,369
PA	2,626	2,533	2,532	2,646	*2,680	2,554
SC	3,467	4,308	4,204	4,162	4,154	4,154
TX	12,018	11,865	12,098	12,165	12,172	12,211
VA	4,798	4,779	4,751	5,634	5,099	4,925
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,277	14,278	15,393	15,210	*15,319	15,034
19 State Total	166,529	165,515	168,098	*168,927	*166,852	166,648
Previous Year Total	163,604	166,045	166,420	164,887	165,871	164,469
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	100	101	102	101	101

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