



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 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 28, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 28, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through February 28, 2004 were 1.51 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 24 2004	Jan 31 2004	Feb 7 2004	Feb 14 2004	Feb 21 2004	Feb 28 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,462	29,084	29,171	29,273	29,778	30,416
AR	30,728	30,944	30,374	31,055	*31,033	30,948
DE	3,917	3,624	3,721	3,703	*2,976	3,091
FL	1,364	1,347	1,364	1,354	1,363	1,359
GA	33,083	33,063	*33,308	32,887	*33,334	33,352
KY	5,657	*6,496	7,099	7,013	*7,034	6,974
LA	3,666	3,657	3,673	3,774	3,812	3,831
MD	8,680	8,840	8,570	8,930	8,846	8,854
MS	18,957	19,207	*19,049	19,229	19,179	19,061
NC	17,978	17,556	*18,185	18,385	18,610	18,615
OK	6,423	5,655	6,338	6,357	*6,519	6,461
PA	3,749	3,524	3,722	*3,611	*3,693	3,755
SC	3,683	3,646	3,638	3,488	3,767	3,810
TX	14,785	14,802	14,785	14,976	14,949	15,032
VA	6,266	6,129	6,363	6,308	6,417	6,520
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,142	*16,886	*17,322	17,191	17,379	17,848
19 State Total	*205,540	*204,460	*206,682	*207,534	*208,689	209,927
Previous Year Total	204,707	203,905	202,772	202,449	204,584	206,547
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	102	103	102	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 24 2004	Jan 31 2004	Feb 7 2004	Feb 14 2004	Feb 21 2004	Feb 28 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,008	22,264	21,502	21,695	20,929	21,906
AR	23,942	23,910	24,701	24,306	*24,458	24,802
DE	5,397	5,369	4,730	4,183	*5,126	4,512
FL	1,561	1,603	1,859	1,689	*1,956	1,425
GA	25,937	25,636	25,821	25,613	*25,969	26,370
KY	5,744	5,254	5,582	4,545	*5,642	5,973
LA	3,640	3,668	3,702	3,532	3,489	3,448
MD	4,698	5,461	5,657	6,394	*5,302	5,815
MS	16,314	16,402	16,598	16,309	16,524	16,379
NC	13,863	14,303	14,056	14,246	14,067	14,229
OK	4,648	5,250	4,902	4,916	4,369	4,843
PA	2,533	2,532	2,646	*2,676	*2,502	2,641
SC	4,308	4,204	4,162	4,154	4,154	3,795
TX	11,865	12,098	12,165	12,172	12,211	12,107
VA	4,779	4,751	5,634	5,099	4,925	4,890
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,278	15,393	*15,195	*15,326	*15,019	14,939
19 State Total	165,515	168,098	*168,912	*166,855	*166,642	168,074
Previous Year Total	166,045	166,420	164,887	165,871	164,469	163,548
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	102	101	101	103

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