



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 6, 2004. This was up 1 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 March 6, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through March 6, 2004 were 1.68 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 31 2004	Feb 7 2004	Feb 14 2004	Feb 21 2004	Feb 28 2004	Mar 6 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,084	29,171	*29,598	29,778	30,416	30,426
AR	30,944	30,374	31,055	31,033	30,948	31,160
DE	3,624	3,721	3,703	2,976	3,091	3,085
FL	1,347	1,364	1,354	1,363	1,359	1,359
GA	33,063	33,308	*33,138	33,334	33,352	32,686
KY	6,496	7,099	7,013	7,034	*6,945	7,016
LA	3,657	3,673	3,774	3,812	3,831	3,787
MD	8,840	8,570	8,930	8,846	8,854	8,861
MS	19,207	19,049	19,229	19,179	19,061	19,219
NC	17,556	*18,328	*18,395	18,610	18,615	18,437
OK	5,655	6,338	6,357	6,519	*6,430	6,516
PA	3,524	3,722	3,611	3,693	3,755	3,764
SC	3,646	3,638	3,488	3,767	3,810	3,781
TX	14,802	14,785	14,976	14,949	15,032	15,015
VA	6,129	6,363	6,308	6,417	6,520	6,544
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,886	17,322	17,191	17,379	*17,891	17,791
19 State Total	204,460	*206,825	*208,120	208,689	*209,910	209,447
Previous Year Total	203,905	202,772	202,449	204,584	206,547	207,539
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	102	103	102	102	101

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 31 2004	Feb 7 2004	Feb 14 2004	Feb 21 2004	Feb 28 2004	Mar 6 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,264	21,502	21,695	20,929	21,906	21,665
AR	23,910	24,701	24,306	24,458	*24,831	25,759
DE	5,369	4,730	4,183	5,126	4,512	4,145
FL	1,603	1,859	1,689	1,956	1,425	1,695
GA	25,636	25,821	25,613	25,969	26,370	26,205
KY	5,254	5,582	4,545	5,642	*6,228	5,730
LA	3,668	3,702	3,532	3,489	3,448	3,522
MD	5,461	5,657	6,394	5,302	5,815	6,312
MS	16,402	16,598	16,309	16,524	16,379	16,404
NC	14,303	14,056	14,246	14,067	14,229	14,409
OK	5,250	4,902	4,916	4,369	*4,842	4,087
PA	2,532	2,646	2,676	2,502	2,641	2,651
SC	4,204	4,162	4,154	4,154	3,795	3,980
TX	12,098	12,165	12,172	12,211	12,107	12,269
VA	4,751	5,634	5,099	4,925	4,890	5,093
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,393	15,195	15,326	15,019	*14,940	15,225
19 State Total	168,098	168,912	166,855	166,642	*168,358	169,151
Previous Year Total	166,420	164,887	165,871	164,469	163,548	165,230
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	101	101	103	102

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