



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 March 13, 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 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 13, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through March 13, 2004 were 1.85 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 7 2004	Feb 14 2004	Feb 21 2004	Feb 28 2004	Mar 6 2004	Mar 13 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,171	29,598	29,778	30,416	30,426	29,851
AR	30,374	31,055	31,033	30,948	31,160	31,225
DE	3,721	3,703	2,976	3,091	3,085	3,199
FL	1,364	1,354	1,363	1,359	1,359	1,334
GA	33,308	33,138	33,334	33,352	32,686	32,896
KY	*7,019	*6,998	7,034	6,945	*7,047	7,099
LA	3,673	3,774	3,812	3,831	3,787	3,742
MD	8,570	8,930	8,846	8,854	8,861	8,826
MS	19,049	19,229	19,179	19,061	19,219	19,172
NC	*18,202	18,395	*18,641	18,615	18,437	18,986
OK	6,338	6,357	6,519	6,430	6,516	6,506
PA	3,722	3,611	3,693	*3,805	*3,845	3,773
SC	3,638	3,488	3,767	3,810	3,781	3,836
TX	*14,808	*15,039	*15,012	*15,097	*15,078	15,101
VA	6,363	6,308	6,417	6,520	6,544	6,606
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,322	17,191	17,379	17,891	17,791	17,868
19 State Total	*206,642	*208,168	*208,783	*210,025	*209,622	210,020
Previous Year Total	202,772	202,449	204,584	206,547	207,539	204,958
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	102	102	101	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 7 2004	Feb 14 2004	Feb 21 2004	Feb 28 2004	Mar 6 2004	Mar 13 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,502	21,695	20,929	21,906	21,665	21,762
AR	24,701	24,306	24,458	24,831	25,759	25,228
DE	4,730	4,183	5,126	4,512	4,145	4,799
FL	1,859	1,689	1,956	1,425	1,695	1,711
GA	25,821	25,613	25,969	26,370	26,205	26,331
KY	*5,589	*4,551	*5,648	*6,196	*5,717	5,891
LA	3,702	3,532	3,489	3,448	3,522	3,605
MD	5,657	6,394	5,302	5,815	6,312	5,633
MS	16,598	16,309	16,524	16,379	16,404	16,421
NC	14,056	14,246	14,067	14,229	14,409	15,067
OK	4,902	4,916	4,369	4,842	4,087	5,037
PA	2,646	2,676	2,502	*2,634	*2,771	2,713
SC	4,162	4,154	4,154	3,795	3,980	3,721
TX	*12,183	*12,191	*12,230	*12,125	*12,320	12,354
VA	5,634	5,099	4,925	4,890	5,093	4,992
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,195	15,326	15,019	14,940	15,225	15,197
19 State Total	*168,937	*166,880	*166,667	*168,337	*169,309	170,462
Previous Year Total	164,887	165,871	164,469	163,548	165,230	167,239
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	101	103	102	102

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