



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 20, 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 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 20, 2004. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through March 20, 2004 were 2.02 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 14 2004	Feb 21 2004	Feb 28 2004	Mar 6 2004	Mar 13 2004	Mar 20 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,598	29,778	*30,151	30,426	*30,433	29,537
AR	31,055	31,033	30,948	31,160	31,225	31,636
DE	3,703	*3,846	*3,946	*3,818	3,199	3,611
FL	1,354	1,363	*1,344	1,359	1,334	1,349
GA	33,138	33,334	33,352	32,686	32,896	32,201
KY	6,998	*7,118	*7,050	7,047	7,099	6,685
LA	3,774	3,812	3,831	3,787	3,742	3,742
MD	8,930	8,846	8,854	8,861	8,826	8,923
MS	19,229	19,179	19,061	19,219	*19,173	19,113
NC	18,395	18,641	*18,659	18,437	18,986	19,195
OK	6,357	6,519	6,430	6,516	6,506	6,657
PA	3,611	3,693	3,805	*3,877	*3,798	3,763
SC	3,488	3,767	3,810	3,781	3,836	3,694
TX	15,039	15,012	15,097	15,078	15,101	15,109
VA	6,308	6,417	6,520	6,544	6,606	6,665
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,444	*17,381	*17,956	*17,877	*17,719	17,793
19 State Total	*208,421	*209,739	*210,814	*210,473	*210,479	209,673
Previous Year Total	202,449	204,584	206,547	207,539	204,958	206,460
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	102	101	103	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 14 2004	Feb 21 2004	Feb 28 2004	Mar 6 2004	Mar 13 2004	Mar 20 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,695	20,929	21,906	21,665	*21,822	22,282
AR	*24,386	*24,532	*24,911	25,759	25,228	24,705
DE	4,183	5,126	4,512	4,145	4,799	5,372
FL	*1,713	1,956	*1,449	1,695	*1,791	1,622
GA	25,613	25,969	26,370	26,205	26,331	26,106
KY	*4,467	*5,579	*6,184	*5,716	*5,957	5,632
LA	3,532	3,489	3,448	3,522	3,605	3,957
MD	6,394	5,302	5,815	6,312	5,633	5,099
MS	16,309	16,524	16,379	*16,485	*16,503	16,208
NC	14,246	14,067	14,229	14,409	15,067	14,689
OK	4,916	4,369	4,842	4,087	5,037	5,545
PA	2,676	2,502	*2,638	*2,668	*2,629	2,730
SC	4,154	4,154	3,795	3,980	3,721	4,097
TX	12,191	12,230	12,125	12,320	12,354	12,428
VA	5,099	4,925	4,890	5,093	4,992	5,662
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,691	*15,713	*14,826	*15,076	*15,054	15,362
19 State Total	*167,265	*167,366	*168,319	*169,137	*170,523	171,496
Previous Year Total	165,871	164,469	163,548	165,230	167,239	169,125
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	103	102	102	101

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