



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 27, 2004. This was up 3 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 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 27, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through March 27, 2004 were 2.19 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 21 2004	Feb 28 2004	Mar 6 2004	Mar 13 2004	Mar 20 2004	Mar 27 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,778	30,151	*30,113	30,433	29,537	29,773
AR	31,033	30,948	31,160	31,225	31,636	31,331
DE	3,846	3,946	3,818	3,199	3,611	3,834
FL	1,363	1,344	1,359	1,334	1,349	1,337
GA	*33,439	*33,414	32,686	32,896	32,201	32,685
KY	7,118	7,050	7,047	7,099	6,685	7,176
LA	3,812	3,831	3,787	3,742	3,742	3,787
MD	8,846	8,854	8,861	8,826	8,923	8,875
MS	19,179	19,061	19,219	19,173	19,113	19,179
NC	18,641	18,659	*18,484	18,986	19,195	18,611
OK	6,519	6,430	6,516	*6,442	*6,568	6,585
PA	3,693	3,805	3,877	*3,997	*4,028	4,007
SC	3,767	3,810	3,781	3,836	3,694	3,781
TX	15,012	15,097	15,078	15,101	15,109	15,397
VA	6,417	6,520	6,544	6,606	*6,734	6,834
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,381	17,956	17,877	17,719	*17,829	17,763
19 State Total	*209,844	*210,876	*210,207	*210,614	*209,954	210,955
Previous Year Total	204,584	206,547	207,539	204,958	206,460	205,168
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	101	103	102	103

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 21 2004	Feb 28 2004	Mar 6 2004	Mar 13 2004	Mar 20 2004	Mar 27 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,929	21,906	21,665	21,822	22,282	21,895
AR	24,532	24,911	*25,837	*25,314	*24,832	24,554
DE	5,126	4,512	4,145	4,799	5,372	4,928
FL	*1,980	1,449	*1,718	1,791	1,622	1,492
GA	25,969	26,370	26,205	26,331	26,106	25,892
KY	5,579	6,184	5,716	5,957	5,632	5,680
LA	3,489	3,448	3,522	3,605	3,957	3,870
MD	5,302	5,815	6,312	5,633	5,099	5,890
MS	16,524	16,379	16,485	16,503	16,208	16,428
NC	14,067	14,229	14,409	15,067	14,689	14,615
OK	4,369	4,842	4,087	*5,038	5,545	5,278
PA	2,502	2,638	2,668	*2,622	*2,778	2,884
SC	4,154	3,795	3,980	3,721	4,097	4,714
TX	12,230	12,125	12,320	12,354	12,428	12,438
VA	4,925	4,890	5,093	4,992	*5,685	5,606
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,713	14,826	15,076	15,054	*15,308	16,276
19 State Total	*167,390	168,319	*169,238	*170,603	*171,640	172,440
Previous Year Total	164,469	163,548	165,230	167,239	169,125	169,325
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	102	102	101	102

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