



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 3, 2004. This was up slightly 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 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 27, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through April 3, 2004 were 2.36 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 28 2004	Mar 6 2004	Mar 13 2004	Mar 20 2004	Mar 27 2004	Apr 3 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,151	30,113	*30,067	29,537	29,773	30,354
AR	30,948	31,160	31,225	31,636	31,331	31,453
DE	3,946	3,818	*3,716	3,611	3,834	3,738
FL	1,344	1,359	1,334	1,349	1,337	1,343
GA	33,414	*32,655	*32,833	32,201	32,685	32,159
KY	7,050	7,047	7,099	6,685	7,176	7,244
LA	3,831	3,787	3,742	3,742	3,787	3,877
MD	8,854	8,861	8,826	8,923	8,875	8,880
MS	19,061	19,219	19,173	19,113	19,179	19,459
NC	18,659	18,484	*18,925	19,195	18,611	19,033
OK	6,430	6,516	6,442	6,568	6,585	6,526
PA	3,805	3,877	3,997	4,028	4,007	3,952
SC	3,810	3,781	3,836	3,694	3,781	3,392
TX	15,097	15,078	15,101	15,109	15,397	15,436
VA	6,520	6,544	6,606	6,734	6,834	6,662
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,944	*17,917	17,719	17,829	*17,738	17,687
19 State Total	*210,864	*210,216	*210,641	209,954	*210,930	211,195
Previous Year Total	206,547	207,539	204,958	206,460	205,168	210,423
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	103	102	103	100

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 28 2004	Mar 6 2004	Mar 13 2004	Mar 20 2004	Mar 27 2004	Apr 3 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,906	21,665	*21,839	22,282	*21,787	21,846
AR	24,911	25,837	25,314	24,832	24,554	25,018
DE	4,512	4,145	4,799	5,372	4,928	4,562
FL	1,449	1,718	1,791	1,622	*1,507	1,540
GA	26,370	26,205	26,331	*26,135	*25,683	25,963
KY	6,184	5,716	5,957	5,632	5,680	5,944
LA	3,448	3,522	3,605	3,957	3,870	3,778
MD	5,815	6,312	5,633	5,099	5,890	6,134
MS	16,379	16,485	16,503	16,208	16,428	16,617
NC	14,229	14,409	*15,107	14,689	14,615	15,120
OK	4,842	4,087	5,038	5,545	5,278	5,033
PA	2,638	2,668	2,622	2,778	2,884	2,826
SC	3,795	3,980	3,721	4,097	4,714	4,179
TX	12,125	12,320	12,354	12,428	12,438	12,529
VA	4,890	5,093	4,992	5,685	5,606	5,183
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,826	*15,065	*15,079	*15,298	*16,306	15,999
19 State Total	168,319	*169,227	*170,685	*171,659	*172,168	172,271
Previous Year Total	163,548	165,230	167,239	169,125	169,325	167,811
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	102	101	102	103

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