



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 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 10, 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 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 10, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through April 10, 2004 were 2.54 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 6 2004	Mar 13 2004	Mar 20 2004	Mar 27 2004	Apr 3 2004	Apr 10 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,113	30,067	*29,743	29,773	30,354	30,392
AR	31,160	31,225	31,636	31,331	31,453	31,786
DE	3,818	3,716	3,611	3,834	3,738	3,830
FL	1,359	1,334	1,349	1,337	1,343	1,339
GA	32,655	32,833	32,201	32,685	32,159	33,150
KY	*7,175	*7,013	6,685	7,176	*7,249	6,722
LA	3,787	3,742	3,742	3,787	3,877	3,966
MD	8,861	8,826	8,923	8,875	*8,908	8,882
MS	19,219	19,173	19,113	19,179	19,459	19,347
NC	18,484	18,925	*19,243	18,611	19,033	19,277
OK	6,516	6,442	6,568	6,585	6,526	6,720
PA	3,877	3,997	4,028	*3,877	*3,913	3,881
SC	3,781	3,836	3,694	3,781	3,392	3,783
TX	*15,047	*15,070	*15,093	*15,382	*15,421	15,359
VA	6,544	6,606	6,734	6,834	6,662	6,668
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,917	*17,796	17,829	17,738	*17,604	17,837
19 State Total	*210,313	*210,601	*210,192	*210,785	*211,091	212,939
Previous Year Total	207,539	204,958	206,460	205,168	210,423	209,388
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	103	102	103	100	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 6 2004	Mar 13 2004	Mar 20 2004	Mar 27 2004	Apr 3 2004	Apr 10 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,665	21,839	22,282	21,787	21,846	21,649
AR	25,837	25,314	24,832	24,554	25,018	25,230
DE	4,145	4,799	5,372	4,928	*4,750	4,876
FL	1,718	1,791	1,622	1,507	1,540	1,494
GA	26,205	26,331	26,135	25,683	*26,963	25,446
KY	5,716	5,957	5,632	*5,760	*5,801	5,785
LA	3,522	3,605	3,957	3,870	3,778	4,036
MD	6,312	5,633	5,099	5,890	*5,934	5,452
MS	16,485	16,503	*16,357	*16,580	16,617	16,551
NC	14,409	*15,145	14,689	14,615	15,120	15,060
OK	4,087	5,038	5,545	5,278	5,033	4,236
PA	2,668	2,622	2,778	*2,876	*2,822	2,778
SC	3,980	3,721	4,097	4,714	4,179	4,526
TX	*12,295	*12,329	*12,403	*12,413	*12,504	12,529
VA	5,093	4,992	5,685	5,606	*5,236	5,668
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,071	15,079	15,298	16,306	*16,069	16,250
19 State Total	*169,208	*170,698	*171,783	*172,367	*173,210	171,566
Previous Year Total	165,230	167,239	169,125	169,325	167,811	168,725
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	102	103	102

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