



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 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 17, 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 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 17, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through April 17, 2004 were 2.71 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 13 2004	Mar 20 2004	Mar 27 2004	Apr 3 2004	Apr 10 2004	Apr 17 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,067	29,743	*30,238	30,354	30,392	30,883
AR	31,225	31,636	31,331	31,453	31,786	31,899
DE	3,716	3,611	3,834	3,738	*3,833	3,650
FL	1,334	1,349	1,337	1,343	1,339	1,345
GA	32,833	32,201	32,685	32,159	33,150	33,291
KY	7,013	*6,598	*7,095	7,249	6,722	7,281
LA	3,742	3,742	3,787	3,877	3,966	3,981
MD	8,826	8,923	8,875	8,908	8,882	8,847
MS	19,173	19,113	19,179	19,459	*19,465	19,480
NC	18,925	19,243	*18,746	19,033	19,277	19,070
OK	6,442	6,568	6,585	6,526	6,720	6,625
PA	3,997	4,028	*3,782	*3,793	*3,884	3,861
SC	3,836	3,694	3,781	3,392	3,783	3,768
TX	15,070	15,093	15,382	15,421	15,359	15,346
VA	6,606	6,734	6,834	6,662	6,668	6,518
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,796	17,829	17,738	17,604	17,837	17,817
19 State Total	210,601	*210,105	*211,209	*210,971	*213,063	213,662
Previous Year Total	205,149	206,389	205,114	210,077	209,276	208,865
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	103	100	102	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 13 2004	Mar 20 2004	Mar 27 2004	Apr 3 2004	Apr 10 2004	Apr 17 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,839	22,282	21,787	21,846	21,649	21,798
AR	25,314	24,832	24,554	25,018	*25,371	24,924
DE	4,799	5,372	4,928	4,750	*4,890	5,174
FL	1,791	1,622	1,507	1,540	1,494	1,502
GA	26,331	26,135	25,683	26,963	25,446	25,137
KY	5,957	5,632	5,760	5,801	*5,760	5,990
LA	3,605	3,957	3,870	3,778	*4,043	3,430
MD	5,633	5,099	5,890	5,934	*5,436	5,714
MS	16,503	16,357	16,580	16,617	*16,600	16,741
NC	15,145	14,689	14,615	15,120	15,060	15,076
OK	5,038	5,545	5,278	5,033	4,236	4,734
PA	2,622	2,778	*2,856	*2,776	*2,784	2,626
SC	3,721	4,097	4,714	4,179	4,526	4,367
TX	12,329	12,403	12,413	12,504	12,529	12,666
VA	4,992	5,685	5,606	5,236	5,668	5,236
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,079	15,298	16,306	16,069	16,250	16,307
19 State Total	170,698	171,783	*172,347	*173,164	*171,742	171,422
Previous Year Total	167,457	169,357	169,739	167,995	169,177	168,183
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	102	103	102	102

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