



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 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 24, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 24, 2004. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through April 24, 2004 were 2.88 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 20 2004	Mar 27 2004	Apr 3 2004	Apr 10 2004	Apr 17 2004	Apr 24 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,743	30,238	*30,610	30,392	30,883	30,956
AR	31,636	31,331	31,453	31,786	31,899	31,945
DE	3,611	3,834	3,738	3,833	*3,648	3,834
FL	1,349	1,337	1,343	1,339	1,345	1,342
GA	*32,232	*32,645	32,159	*33,220	33,291	33,174
KY	6,598	7,095	*7,341	*6,723	*7,193	6,898
LA	3,742	3,787	3,877	3,966	3,981	3,944
MD	8,923	8,875	8,908	8,882	8,847	8,921
MS	19,113	19,179	19,459	19,465	19,480	19,371
NC	19,243	18,746	*19,156	19,277	19,070	18,921
OK	6,568	6,585	6,526	6,720	*6,793	6,746
PA	4,028	3,782	3,793	3,884	3,861	3,946
SC	3,694	3,781	3,392	3,783	3,768	3,748
TX	15,093	15,382	15,421	15,359	15,346	15,351
VA	6,734	6,834	6,662	6,668	6,518	6,529
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,837	*17,746	*17,673	17,837	*17,861	17,842
19 State Total	*210,144	*211,177	*211,511	*213,134	*213,784	213,468
Previous Year Total	206,389	205,114	210,077	209,276	208,865	207,999
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	101	102	102	103

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 20 2004	Mar 27 2004	Apr 3 2004	Apr 10 2004	Apr 17 2004	Apr 24 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,282	21,787	21,846	21,649	21,798	21,935
AR	24,832	24,554	25,018	25,371	*25,120	24,815
DE	5,372	4,928	4,750	4,890	*4,959	4,938
FL	1,622	1,507	1,540	1,494	1,502	1,416
GA	26,135	25,683	26,963	*25,506	*26,269	26,173
KY	5,632	5,760	5,801	*5,751	*5,894	5,998
LA	3,957	3,870	3,778	4,043	3,430	3,793
MD	5,099	5,890	5,934	5,436	*5,897	5,926
MS	16,357	16,580	16,617	16,600	16,741	17,368
NC	14,689	14,615	15,120	15,060	15,076	14,916
OK	5,545	5,278	5,033	4,236	*5,261	5,650
PA	2,778	2,856	2,776	2,784	2,626	2,718
SC	4,097	4,714	4,179	4,526	4,367	4,001
TX	12,403	12,413	12,504	12,529	12,666	12,844
VA	5,685	5,606	5,236	5,668	5,236	5,197
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,298	16,306	16,069	*16,255	*16,308	15,380
19 State Total	171,783	172,347	173,164	*171,798	*173,150	173,068
Previous Year Total	169,357	169,739	167,995	169,177	168,183	172,080
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	103	102	103	101

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