



# 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 May 1, 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 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 1, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 1, 2004 were 3.06 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 27 2004	Apr 3 2004	Apr 10 2004	Apr 17 2004	Apr 24 2004	May 1 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,238	30,610	*30,353	30,883	30,956	30,795
AR	31,331	31,453	31,786	31,899	31,945	31,524
DE	3,834	3,738	3,833	3,648	*3,833	3,741
FL	1,337	1,343	1,339	1,345	1,342	1,339
GA	32,645	*32,253	33,220	33,291	33,174	32,862
KY	7,095	7,341	6,723	7,193	6,898	7,169
LA	3,787	3,877	3,966	*3,980	*3,984	3,998
MD	8,875	8,908	8,882	8,847	8,921	8,887
MS	19,179	19,459	19,465	19,480	*19,358	19,367
NC	18,746	19,156	*19,020	19,070	18,921	18,736
OK	6,585	6,526	6,720	6,793	6,746	6,706
PA	3,782	3,793	3,884	3,861	*3,955	3,769
SC	3,781	3,392	3,783	3,768	3,748	3,759
TX	15,382	15,421	15,359	15,346	15,351	15,336
VA	6,834	6,662	6,668	6,518	6,529	6,642
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,757	*17,682	*17,834	17,861	*17,871	18,001
19 State Total	*211,188	*211,614	*212,835	*213,783	*213,532	212,631
Previous Year Total	205,114	210,077	209,276	208,865	207,999	209,166
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	101	102	102	103	102

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 27 2004	Apr 3 2004	Apr 10 2004	Apr 17 2004	Apr 24 2004	May 1 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,787	21,846	21,649	21,798	21,935	22,043
AR	24,554	25,018	25,371	25,120	*24,990	25,916
DE	4,928	4,750	4,890	4,959	*5,051	4,352
FL	1,507	1,540	1,494	1,502	1,416	1,461
GA	25,683	26,963	25,506	26,269	*26,238	27,127
KY	5,760	5,801	5,751	5,894	*6,002	5,946
LA	3,870	3,778	4,043	*3,414	*3,796	3,730
MD	5,890	5,934	5,436	5,897	*5,879	6,378
MS	16,580	16,617	16,600	16,741	*17,317	16,924
NC	14,615	15,120	15,060	15,076	14,916	15,391
OK	5,278	5,033	4,236	5,261	5,650	4,652
PA	2,856	2,776	2,784	2,626	*2,700	2,801
SC	4,714	4,179	4,526	4,367	*3,998	3,715
TX	12,413	12,504	12,529	12,666	12,844	12,821
VA	5,606	5,236	5,668	5,236	5,197	5,210
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,306	*16,057	*16,265	*16,316	*15,459	16,511
19 State Total	172,347	*173,152	*171,808	*173,142	*173,388	174,978
Previous Year Total	169,739	167,995	169,177	168,183	172,080	172,351
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	102	103	101	102

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