



# 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 May 8, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 8, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 8, 2004 were 3.23 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 3 2004	Apr 10 2004	Apr 17 2004	Apr 24 2004	May 1 2004	May 8 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,610	30,353	*31,040	30,956	30,795	30,556
AR	31,453	*31,533	*31,979	31,945	*31,803	31,961
DE	3,738	3,833	3,648	3,833	3,741	3,739
FL	1,343	1,339	1,345	1,342	1,339	1,348
GA	32,253	33,220	33,291	33,174	32,862	32,369
KY	7,341	*6,786	7,193	6,898	7,169	6,954
LA	3,877	3,966	3,980	3,984	3,998	3,988
MD	8,908	8,882	8,847	8,921	8,887	8,901
MS	19,459	19,465	19,480	19,358	19,367	19,301
NC	19,156	19,020	*19,029	18,921	*18,569	19,023
OK	6,526	6,720	6,793	6,746	*6,605	6,588
PA	3,793	3,884	3,861	*3,916	*3,851	3,886
SC	3,392	3,783	3,768	3,748	3,759	3,760
TX	*15,428	*15,366	*15,334	*15,339	*15,324	15,475
VA	6,662	6,668	6,518	6,529	6,642	6,653
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,682	17,834	*17,868	17,871	*17,993	18,055
19 State Total	*211,621	*212,652	*213,974	*213,481	*212,704	212,557
Previous Year Total	210,077	209,276	208,865	207,999	209,166	206,679
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	102	103	102	103

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 3 2004	Apr 10 2004	Apr 17 2004	Apr 24 2004	May 1 2004	May 8 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,846	21,649	21,798	21,935	22,043	22,735
AR	25,018	25,371	25,120	*24,968	*25,959	26,540
DE	4,750	4,890	4,959	5,051	4,352	4,678
FL	1,540	1,494	1,502	1,416	1,461	1,495
GA	26,963	25,506	26,269	26,238	*27,035	27,069
KY	5,801	5,751	5,894	6,002	*5,967	6,116
LA	3,778	4,043	3,414	3,796	*3,725	4,068
MD	5,934	5,436	5,897	5,879	6,378	5,670
MS	16,617	16,600	16,741	17,317	16,924	16,915
NC	15,120	15,060	15,076	14,916	*15,498	15,179
OK	5,033	4,236	5,261	5,650	4,652	3,929
PA	2,776	2,784	2,626	*2,688	*2,710	2,816
SC	4,179	4,526	4,367	3,998	3,715	4,344
TX	12,504	*12,535	*12,672	*12,850	*12,826	12,858
VA	5,236	5,668	5,236	5,197	5,210	5,236
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,057	16,265	16,316	15,459	*16,516	14,980
19 State Total	173,152	*171,814	*173,148	*173,360	*174,971	174,628
Previous Year Total	167,995	169,177	168,183	172,080	172,351	171,830
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	103	101	102	102

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