



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 15, 2004. This was up 1 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 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 15, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 15, 2004 were 3.41 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 10 2004	Apr 17 2004	Apr 24 2004	May 1 2004	May 8 2004	May 15 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,353	31,040	*30,451	30,795	30,556	30,590
AR	31,533	31,979	*32,020	31,803	31,961	31,494
DE	3,833	3,648	3,833	3,741	*3,740	3,857
FL	1,339	1,345	*1,367	1,339	1,348	1,364
GA	*33,297	33,291	33,174	32,862	32,369	33,149
KY	6,786	7,193	6,898	7,169	6,954	7,027
LA	3,966	3,980	3,984	3,998	*4,014	3,998
MD	8,882	8,847	8,921	8,887	8,901	8,900
MS	19,465	19,480	19,358	19,367	19,301	19,393
NC	19,020	19,029	*18,789	18,569	*19,006	18,905
OK	6,720	6,793	6,746	6,605	6,588	6,539
PA	3,884	3,861	*3,851	*3,688	*3,921	3,853
SC	3,783	3,768	3,748	3,759	3,760	3,774
TX	15,366	15,334	15,339	15,324	15,475	15,463
VA	6,668	6,518	6,529	6,642	6,653	6,644
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,834	17,868	*17,995	17,993	*18,066	17,911
19 State Total	*212,729	213,974	*213,003	*212,541	*212,613	212,861
Previous Year Total	209,276	208,865	207,999	209,166	206,679	210,125
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	102	103	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 10 2004	Apr 17 2004	Apr 24 2004	May 1 2004	May 8 2004	May 15 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,649	21,798	21,935	22,043	22,735	21,805
AR	*25,453	*25,204	*25,051	*26,143	*26,707	25,596
DE	4,890	4,959	5,051	*4,537	*4,686	4,600
FL	1,494	1,502	1,416	1,461	1,495	1,640
GA	25,506	*26,283	*26,245	*27,041	*26,700	26,979
KY	5,751	5,894	6,002	5,967	6,116	6,064
LA	4,043	3,414	3,796	3,725	*4,070	3,744
MD	5,436	5,897	5,879	*6,238	*5,689	6,351
MS	16,600	16,741	17,317	16,924	16,915	16,807
NC	15,060	15,076	14,916	15,498	*15,200	15,013
OK	4,236	5,261	5,650	4,652	3,929	5,001
PA	2,784	2,626	*2,722	*2,775	*2,902	2,785
SC	*4,533	*4,375	*4,006	*3,723	*4,352	3,863
TX	12,535	12,672	12,850	12,826	12,858	12,769
VA	5,668	5,236	5,197	5,210	5,236	5,609
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,265	16,316	15,459	*16,416	*14,981	15,643
19 State Total	*171,903	*173,254	*173,492	*175,179	*174,571	174,269
Previous Year Total	169,177	168,183	172,080	172,351	171,830	170,953
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	101	102	102	102

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