



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 22, 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 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 22, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 22, 2004 were 3.58 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 17 2004	Apr 24 2004	May 1 2004	May 8 2004	May 15 2004	May 22 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,040	30,451	*30,840	30,556	30,590	30,879
AR	31,979	32,020	31,803	31,961	31,494	32,157
DE	3,648	3,833	3,741	3,740	3,857	3,871
FL	1,345	1,367	*1,389	1,348	1,364	1,389
GA	33,291	33,174	32,862	32,369	*32,994	33,121
KY	7,193	6,898	*7,138	*7,033	*7,121	7,129
LA	3,980	3,984	3,998	4,014	3,998	3,892
MD	8,847	8,921	8,887	8,901	8,900	8,990
MS	19,480	19,358	19,367	19,301	19,393	19,363
NC	19,029	18,789	*18,473	19,006	18,905	18,488
OK	6,793	6,746	6,605	6,588	*6,684	6,500
PA	3,861	3,851	3,688	3,921	*3,948	3,648
SC	3,768	3,748	3,759	3,760	3,774	3,781
TX	15,334	15,339	15,324	15,475	15,463	15,274
VA	6,518	6,529	6,642	6,653	6,644	6,675
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,868	*18,002	17,993	18,066	17,911	17,932
19 State Total	213,974	*213,010	*212,509	*212,692	*213,040	213,089
Previous Year Total	208,865	207,999	209,166	206,679	210,125	211,168
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	103	101	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 17 2004	Apr 24 2004	May 1 2004	May 8 2004	May 15 2004	May 22 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,798	21,935	22,043	22,735	21,805	22,568
AR	25,204	25,051	26,143	26,707	*25,672	25,235
DE	4,959	5,051	4,537	4,686	*4,511	5,286
FL	1,502	1,416	1,461	1,495	1,640	1,526
GA	26,283	26,245	27,041	26,700	*26,986	26,553
KY	5,894	6,002	*5,964	*6,141	*6,074	6,205
LA	3,414	3,796	3,725	4,070	3,744	3,813
MD	5,897	5,879	6,238	5,689	*6,439	4,937
MS	16,741	17,317	16,924	16,915	16,807	16,785
NC	15,076	14,916	15,498	15,200	15,013	15,161
OK	5,261	5,650	4,652	3,929	5,001	5,680
PA	2,626	2,722	2,775	2,902	*2,874	2,702
SC	4,375	4,006	3,723	4,352	3,863	3,954
TX	12,672	12,850	12,826	12,858	12,769	12,876
VA	5,236	5,197	5,210	5,236	5,609	5,731
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,316	15,459	16,416	14,981	*15,647	15,814
19 State Total	173,254	173,492	*175,176	*174,596	*174,454	174,826
Previous Year Total	168,183	172,080	172,351	171,830	170,953	172,110
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	101	102	102	102	102

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