



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 29, 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 29, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 29, 2004 were 3.76 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 24 2004	May 1 2004	May 8 2004	May 15 2004	May 22 2004	May 29 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,451	30,840	*30,508	30,590	30,879	30,317
AR	32,020	31,803	31,961	31,494	32,157	31,991
DE	3,833	3,741	3,740	3,857	3,871	3,935
FL	1,367	1,389	*1,378	1,364	1,389	1,389
GA	*33,198	*32,874	*32,689	32,994	33,121	33,203
KY	*6,971	*7,065	7,033	7,121	*7,120	7,091
LA	3,984	3,998	4,014	3,998	3,892	3,890
MD	8,921	8,887	8,901	8,900	8,990	9,008
MS	19,358	19,367	19,301	19,393	19,363	19,670
NC	18,789	18,473	*18,817	18,905	18,488	18,406
OK	6,746	6,605	6,588	6,684	6,500	6,646
PA	3,851	3,688	3,921	3,948	*3,762	3,273
SC	3,748	3,759	3,760	3,774	3,781	3,738
TX	15,339	15,324	15,475	15,463	15,274	15,374
VA	6,529	6,642	6,653	6,644	6,675	6,747
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,002	*18,001	18,066	*17,908	*17,965	17,859
19 State Total	*213,107	*212,456	*212,805	*213,037	*213,227	212,537
Previous Year Total	207,999	209,166	206,679	210,125	211,168	210,125
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	103	101	101	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 24 2004	May 1 2004	May 8 2004	May 15 2004	May 22 2004	May 29 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,935	22,043	22,735	21,805	22,568	22,028
AR	25,051	26,143	26,707	*25,698	*25,239	25,670
DE	5,051	4,537	4,686	4,511	5,286	5,454
FL	1,416	1,461	1,495	1,640	1,526	1,586
GA	26,245	27,041	26,700	26,986	*26,428	25,256
KY	6,002	5,964	*6,176	*6,094	*5,700	5,962
LA	3,796	3,725	4,070	3,744	3,813	4,172
MD	5,879	6,238	5,689	6,439	4,937	5,380
MS	17,317	16,924	16,915	16,807	16,785	17,093
NC	14,916	15,498	15,200	15,013	15,161	15,545
OK	5,650	4,652	3,929	5,001	5,680	4,219
PA	2,722	2,775	2,902	2,874	*2,768	2,782
SC	4,006	3,723	4,352	3,863	3,954	5,174
TX	12,850	12,826	12,858	12,769	12,876	13,135
VA	5,197	5,210	5,236	5,609	5,731	5,264
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,459	16,416	14,981	*15,652	*15,816	15,556
19 State Total	173,492	175,176	*174,631	*174,505	*174,268	174,276
Previous Year Total	172,080	172,351	171,830	170,953	172,110	170,346
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	102	102	101	102

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