



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 5, 2004. This was up slightly 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 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 5, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through June 5, 2004 were 3.93 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 1 2004	May 8 2004	May 15 2004	May 22 2004	May 29 2004	Jun 5 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,840	30,508	30,590	30,879	30,317	30,043
AR	31,803	31,961	*32,245	32,157	31,991	31,993
DE	3,741	3,740	3,857	3,871	3,935	3,832
FL	1,389	1,378	*1,394	1,389	1,389	1,387
GA	32,874	32,689	*33,164	33,121	33,203	33,046
KY	7,065	*7,031	7,121	*7,107	*7,129	7,165
LA	3,998	4,014	3,998	3,892	3,890	3,891
MD	8,887	8,901	8,900	8,990	*9,007	8,989
MS	19,367	19,301	19,393	19,363	*19,496	19,529
NC	18,473	18,817	*18,635	18,488	18,406	18,634
OK	6,605	6,588	6,684	6,500	*6,559	6,483
PA	3,688	3,921	3,948	3,762	*3,285	3,660
SC	3,759	3,760	3,774	3,781	3,738	3,751
TX	*15,313	*15,464	*15,432	*15,243	*15,343	15,093
VA	6,642	6,653	6,644	6,675	6,747	6,688
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,132	*18,126	17,908	17,965	17,859	17,836
19 State Total	*212,576	*212,852	*213,687	*213,183	*212,294	212,020
Previous Year Total	209,166	206,679	210,125	211,168	210,125	211,135
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	102	101	101	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 1 2004	May 8 2004	May 15 2004	May 22 2004	May 29 2004	Jun 5 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,043	22,735	21,805	22,568	22,028	22,168
AR	26,143	26,707	25,698	25,239	*25,729	25,792
DE	4,537	4,686	4,511	5,286	*5,724	5,252
FL	1,461	1,495	1,640	1,526	1,586	1,480
GA	27,041	26,700	*26,992	26,428	*25,221	26,315
KY	5,964	6,176	6,094	*5,728	*5,869	5,927
LA	3,725	4,070	3,744	3,813	4,172	4,092
MD	6,238	5,689	6,439	4,937	*5,099	5,560
MS	16,924	16,915	16,807	16,785	*17,077	17,280
NC	15,498	15,200	15,013	15,161	*15,618	15,577
OK	4,652	3,929	5,001	5,680	4,219	4,799
PA	2,775	2,902	2,874	2,768	*2,779	2,669
SC	3,723	4,352	3,863	3,954	5,174	4,636
TX	12,826	*12,850	*12,760	*12,868	*13,126	12,912
VA	5,210	5,236	5,609	5,731	5,264	5,292
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,416	*15,087	*15,674	*15,920	*15,593	16,593
19 State Total	175,176	*174,729	*174,524	*174,392	*174,278	176,344
Previous Year Total	172,351	171,830	170,953	172,110	170,346	173,036
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	101	102	102

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