



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 26, 2004. This was up 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 26, 2004. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through June 26, 2004 were 4.46 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 22 2004	May 29 2004	Jun 5 2004	Jun 12 2004	Jun 19 2004	Jun 26 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,879	29,866	*30,014	30,296	30,715	30,456
AR	32,157	31,991	32,066	31,916	31,718	31,556
DE	3,871	3,935	3,832	3,844	3,923	3,793
FL	1,389	1,389	*1,372	1,371	1,375	1,369
GA	33,121	33,612	33,046	*33,192	*33,360	33,413
KY	7,177	7,177	*7,301	*7,135	*6,900	7,086
LA	3,892	3,890	3,891	3,892	3,892	3,892
MD	8,990	9,007	8,989	9,012	8,996	8,983
MS	19,363	19,496	19,529	19,682	19,845	19,742
NC	18,839	18,644	*18,693	19,160	19,210	18,500
OK	6,500	6,559	6,483	6,453	6,856	6,307
PA	3,773	3,263	3,638	3,954	3,947	3,931
SC	3,781	3,738	3,751	3,733	3,809	3,697
TX	15,243	15,343	15,093	15,193	15,191	15,264
VA	6,675	6,747	6,688	6,768	6,763	6,811
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,245	*18,080	17,864	17,715	*17,629	17,198
19 State Total	213,895	*212,737	*212,250	*213,316	*214,129	211,998
Previous Year Total	211,168	210,125	211,135	209,410	207,133	201,877
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	101	102	103	105

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 22 2004	May 29 2004	Jun 5 2004	Jun 12 2004	Jun 19 2004	Jun 26 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,568	22,028	22,168	22,248	*21,248	20,455
AR	25,239	25,729	25,792	26,808	*26,008	26,172
DE	5,286	5,724	5,252	5,535	4,729	4,647
FL	1,526	1,576	1,474	1,500	1,645	1,644
GA	26,428	25,221	26,384	26,951	26,919	27,443
KY	5,728	5,805	5,918	*6,080	*6,267	6,012
LA	3,813	4,172	4,092	3,669	3,908	3,490
MD	4,937	5,099	5,560	5,849	6,276	6,334
MS	16,785	17,077	17,280	17,251	17,538	17,258
NC	15,161	15,618	15,577	15,010	15,162	15,442
OK	5,680	4,219	4,799	4,630	4,268	5,373
PA	2,765	2,838	2,760	2,616	2,294	2,588
SC	3,954	5,174	4,636	4,453	4,439	4,087
TX	12,868	13,126	12,912	12,985	13,019	12,789
VA	5,731	5,264	5,292	5,420	5,386	5,236
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,920	15,491	16,985	17,293	*16,192	15,705
19 State Total	174,389	174,161	176,881	*178,298	*175,298	174,675
Previous Year Total	172,110	170,346	173,036	173,964	172,611	172,446
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	102	102	102	101

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