



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 3, 2004. This was up 2 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 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 3, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 3, 2004 were 4.64 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 29 2004	Jun 5 2004	Jun 12 2004	Jun 19 2004	Jun 26 2004	Jul 3 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,866	30,014	30,296	30,715	*30,373	30,690
AR	31,991	32,066	31,916	31,718	31,556	31,452
DE	3,935	3,832	3,844	3,923	3,793	3,444
FL	1,389	1,372	1,371	1,375	1,369	1,371
GA	33,612	33,046	*33,392	33,360	33,413	33,079
KY	7,177	7,301	7,135	6,900	7,086	7,235
LA	3,890	3,891	3,892	3,892	3,892	3,922
MD	9,007	8,989	9,012	8,996	8,983	8,892
MS	19,496	19,529	19,682	19,845	19,742	19,845
NC	18,644	18,693	*19,114	19,210	18,500	17,667
OK	6,559	6,483	6,453	6,856	*6,344	6,619
PA	3,263	3,638	*3,969	*3,957	*3,924	3,792
SC	3,738	3,751	3,733	3,809	3,697	3,785
TX	15,343	15,093	15,193	15,191	15,264	15,058
VA	6,747	6,688	6,768	6,763	6,811	6,832
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,080	17,864	17,715	17,629	*17,195	16,631
19 State Total	212,737	212,250	*213,485	*214,139	*211,942	210,314
Previous Year Total	210,125	211,135	209,410	207,133	201,877	205,357
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	102	103	105	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 29 2004	Jun 5 2004	Jun 12 2004	Jun 19 2004	Jun 26 2004	Jul 3 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,028	22,168	22,248	21,248	*20,484	21,372
AR	25,729	25,792	26,808	26,008	*26,173	25,253
DE	5,724	5,252	5,535	4,729	4,647	4,881
FL	1,576	1,474	1,500	1,645	1,644	1,548
GA	25,221	26,384	26,951	26,919	27,443	28,324
KY	5,805	5,918	6,080	6,267	6,012	6,113
LA	4,172	4,092	3,669	3,908	3,490	3,936
MD	5,099	5,560	5,849	6,276	6,334	6,197
MS	17,077	17,280	17,251	17,538	17,258	17,288
NC	15,618	15,577	15,010	15,162	15,442	15,116
OK	4,219	4,799	4,630	4,268	*5,372	4,600
PA	2,838	2,760	*2,627	*2,298	*2,615	2,793
SC	5,174	4,636	4,453	4,439	4,087	3,985
TX	13,126	12,912	12,985	13,019	12,789	12,752
VA	5,264	5,292	*5,428	5,386	5,236	5,216
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,491	16,985	17,293	16,192	*15,698	16,183
19 State Total	174,161	176,881	*178,317	*175,302	*174,724	175,557
Previous Year Total	170,346	173,036	173,964	172,611	172,446	171,574
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	103	102	101	102

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