



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 17, 2004. This was up 3 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 17, 2004. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 17, 2004 were 4.99 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 12 2004	Jun 19 2004	Jun 26 2004	Jul 3 2004	Jul 10 2004	Jul 17 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,296	30,715	*30,401	30,690	*30,526	30,853
AR	31,916	31,809	*31,647	31,452	31,489	31,653
DE	3,844	3,923	3,793	3,444	3,561	3,689
FL	1,371	1,375	1,369	1,371	1,366	1,370
GA	33,392	33,360	*34,042	*33,676	*33,359	33,493
KY	*6,957	6,958	7,021	*7,055	*7,410	6,970
LA	3,892	3,892	3,892	3,923	3,892	3,908
MD	9,012	8,996	8,983	8,892	*8,891	8,862
MS	19,682	19,845	19,742	19,845	19,845	19,829
NC	19,114	18,712	*18,761	17,625	18,124	18,804
OK	6,453	6,856	6,344	6,619	6,216	6,766
PA	*4,248	*3,949	*3,826	*3,913	*3,961	4,030
SC	3,733	3,809	3,697	3,785	3,510	3,790
TX	15,194	15,209	15,282	15,076	15,380	15,246
VA	6,768	6,763	6,811	6,832	6,863	6,868
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,777	*17,692	*17,258	16,683	*16,897	17,442
19 State Total	*213,649	*213,863	*212,869	*210,881	*211,290	213,573
Previous Year Total	209,410	207,133	201,877	205,357	204,920	208,336
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	105	103	103	103

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 12 2004	Jun 19 2004	Jun 26 2004	Jul 3 2004	Jul 10 2004	Jul 17 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,248	21,248	20,484	*21,440	*21,972	21,113
AR	26,808	26,008	26,173	25,487	*26,353	25,797
DE	5,535	4,729	4,908	4,951	*4,717	5,093
FL	1,500	1,645	1,644	1,606	1,498	1,456
GA	26,951	26,919	27,443	*28,150	*27,286	27,816
KY	6,080	*6,268	6,198	*6,035	*6,186	5,601
LA	3,669	3,908	3,514	3,941	3,755	3,490
MD	5,849	6,276	6,078	6,120	*6,119	5,835
MS	17,251	17,538	17,258	17,388	17,116	17,197
NC	15,010	15,162	15,442	15,139	*15,355	14,921
OK	4,630	4,268	5,372	4,600	4,164	5,142
PA	*2,635	*2,339	*2,635	*3,013	*2,881	2,801
SC	4,453	4,439	4,087	4,019	*4,158	3,729
TX	12,986	13,019	12,790	12,752	12,704	12,770
VA	5,428	5,386	5,236	5,216	5,701	5,448
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,316	16,222	15,752	16,263	*16,315	16,121
19 State Total	*178,349	*175,374	*175,014	*176,120	*176,280	174,330
Previous Year Total	173,964	172,611	172,446	171,574	169,458	165,525
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	101	103	104	105

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