



# 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 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 24, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 24, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 24, 2004 were 5.16 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 19 2004	Jun 26 2004	Jul 3 2004	Jul 10 2004	Jul 17 2004	Jul 24 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,715	30,401	30,690	30,526	30,853	30,430
AR	31,809	31,647	31,452	31,489	31,653	31,896
DE	3,923	3,793	3,444	3,561	3,689	3,634
FL	1,375	1,369	1,371	1,366	1,370	1,339
GA	*33,627	34,042	33,676	33,359	*33,438	33,088
KY	*6,905	*7,084	7,055	7,410	6,970	7,220
LA	3,892	3,892	3,923	3,892	*3,907	3,923
MD	8,996	8,983	8,892	8,891	8,862	8,916
MS	19,845	19,742	19,845	19,845	19,829	19,843
NC	18,712	18,761	*17,163	18,124	18,804	18,093
OK	6,856	6,344	6,619	6,216	6,766	6,679
PA	3,949	3,826	*3,737	*3,763	*3,964	3,847
SC	3,809	3,697	3,785	3,510	3,790	3,850
TX	15,209	15,282	15,076	15,380	15,246	15,510
VA	6,763	6,811	6,832	6,863	6,868	6,852
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,709	17,258	16,683	16,897	*17,441	17,488
19 State Total	*214,094	*212,932	*210,243	*211,092	*213,450	212,608
Previous Year Total	207,133	201,877	205,357	204,920	208,336	207,442
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	105	102	103	102	102

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 19 2004	Jun 26 2004	Jul 3 2004	Jul 10 2004	Jul 17 2004	Jul 24 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	*21,235	20,484	*21,408	21,972	21,113	22,328
AR	*26,099	*26,166	*25,484	26,353	*25,933	24,709
DE	4,729	4,908	4,951	4,717	5,093	4,987
FL	*1,593	1,644	*1,603	1,498	1,456	1,221
GA	*26,869	*27,414	*28,124	27,286	*27,797	27,021
KY	6,268	6,198	6,035	*6,131	*5,638	6,177
LA	3,908	3,514	3,941	3,755	*3,453	4,009
MD	6,276	6,078	6,120	6,119	5,835	5,984
MS	17,538	17,258	*17,348	17,116	17,197	17,203
NC	*15,071	*15,383	*15,117	15,355	14,921	13,789
OK	4,268	5,372	4,600	4,164	5,142	5,905
PA	2,339	2,635	*2,940	*2,909	*2,853	2,723
SC	*4,408	4,087	*4,000	4,158	3,729	3,815
TX	13,019	12,790	12,752	12,704	12,770	12,638
VA	5,386	5,236	5,216	5,701	5,448	5,428
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,294	*15,744	16,263	16,315	*16,123	15,227
19 State Total	*175,300	*174,911	*175,902	*176,253	*174,501	173,164
Previous Year Total	172,611	172,446	171,574	169,458	165,525	167,909
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	103	104	105	103

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