



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 31, 2004. This was up 4 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 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 31, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 31, 2004 were 5.33 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 26 2004	Jul 3 2004	Jul 10 2004	Jul 17 2004	Jul 24 2004	Jul 31 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,401	30,690	*30,655	30,853	30,430	30,505
AR	31,647	31,452	*31,262	31,653	31,896	31,944
DE	3,793	3,444	3,561	3,689	3,634	3,719
FL	1,369	1,371	1,366	1,370	1,339	1,355
GA	34,042	33,676	33,359	33,438	33,088	34,307
KY	7,084	*7,067	7,410	6,970	*7,187	7,280
LA	3,892	3,923	3,892	3,907	3,923	3,914
MD	8,983	8,892	8,891	8,862	8,916	8,908
MS	19,742	19,845	19,845	19,829	19,843	19,839
NC	18,761	17,163	*18,329	18,804	18,093	18,386
OK	6,344	6,619	6,216	6,766	6,679	6,713
PA	3,826	3,737	3,763	3,964	*3,784	4,115
SC	3,697	3,785	3,510	3,790	3,850	3,828
TX	15,282	15,076	15,380	15,246	15,510	15,365
VA	6,811	6,832	6,863	6,868	6,852	6,655
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,258	*16,948	*17,130	17,441	*17,517	17,640
19 State Total	212,932	*210,520	*211,432	213,450	*212,541	214,473
Previous Year Total	201,877	205,357	204,920	208,336	207,442	206,636
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	103	103	102	102	104

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 26 2004	Jul 3 2004	Jul 10 2004	Jul 17 2004	Jul 24 2004	Jul 31 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,484	21,408	21,972	21,113	22,328	21,781
AR	26,166	25,484	26,353	25,933	*24,888	24,805
DE	4,908	4,951	4,717	5,093	4,987	5,172
FL	1,644	1,603	1,498	1,456	1,221	1,419
GA	27,414	28,124	27,286	27,797	*27,041	25,662
KY	6,198	6,035	6,131	5,638	*6,057	6,243
LA	3,514	3,941	3,755	3,453	4,009	3,733
MD	6,078	6,120	6,119	5,835	5,984	5,375
MS	17,258	17,348	17,116	17,197	17,203	17,083
NC	15,383	15,117	15,355	14,921	13,789	14,997
OK	5,372	4,600	4,164	5,142	5,905	4,880
PA	2,635	2,940	2,909	2,853	*2,769	2,843
SC	4,087	4,000	4,158	3,729	3,815	3,150
TX	12,790	12,752	12,704	12,770	12,638	12,726
VA	5,236	5,216	5,701	5,448	5,428	5,638
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,744	16,263	*15,989	16,123	*15,233	16,648
19 State Total	174,911	175,902	*175,927	174,501	*173,295	172,155
Previous Year Total	172,446	171,574	169,458	165,525	167,909	167,589
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	103	104	105	103	103

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