



# 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 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 7, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 7, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through August 7, 2004 were 5.51 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 3 2004	Jul 10 2004	Jul 17 2004	Jul 24 2004	Jul 31 2004	Aug 7 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,690	30,655	*30,953	30,430	30,505	30,390
AR	31,452	31,262	31,653	31,896	31,944	31,552
DE	3,444	3,561	3,689	3,634	3,719	3,747
FL	1,371	1,366	1,370	1,339	1,355	1,349
GA	33,676	33,359	*33,806	33,088	34,307	34,336
KY	7,067	*7,398	6,970	7,187	7,280	7,326
LA	3,923	3,892	3,907	3,923	3,914	3,923
MD	8,892	8,891	8,862	8,916	8,908	8,895
MS	19,845	19,845	19,829	19,843	19,839	19,831
NC	17,163	18,329	*18,782	18,093	*18,383	17,962
OK	6,619	6,216	6,766	6,679	*6,890	6,767
PA	3,737	3,763	3,964	*3,760	4,115	3,672
SC	3,785	3,510	3,790	3,850	3,828	3,978
TX	*15,067	*15,371	*15,503	*15,498	*15,353	15,512
VA	6,832	6,863	6,868	6,852	6,655	6,665
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,883	*17,071	*17,610	*17,537	*17,326	17,549
19 State Total	*210,446	*211,352	*214,322	*212,525	*214,321	213,454
Previous Year Total	205,357	204,920	208,336	207,442	206,636	206,725
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	103	102	104	103

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 3 2004	Jul 10 2004	Jul 17 2004	Jul 24 2004	Jul 31 2004	Aug 7 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,408	21,972	21,113	22,328	21,781	21,273
AR	25,484	26,353	25,933	24,888	*24,993	25,388
DE	4,951	4,717	5,093	4,987	5,172	5,056
FL	1,603	1,498	1,456	1,221	1,419	1,447
GA	28,124	27,286	27,797	27,041	*25,624	27,013
KY	6,035	6,131	5,638	6,057	*6,249	5,835
LA	3,941	3,755	3,453	4,009	3,733	3,625
MD	6,120	6,119	5,835	5,984	5,375	5,998
MS	17,348	17,116	17,197	17,203	*17,064	16,978
NC	15,117	15,355	14,921	13,789	*14,887	14,982
OK	4,600	4,164	5,142	5,905	4,880	4,934
PA	2,940	2,909	2,853	*2,808	*2,846	2,946
SC	4,000	4,158	3,729	3,815	3,150	4,606
TX	12,752	*12,697	*12,763	*12,631	*12,719	12,871
VA	5,216	5,701	5,448	5,428	5,638	5,256
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,220	*15,689	*16,392	*15,501	*15,625	16,163
19 State Total	*175,859	*175,620	*174,763	*173,595	*171,155	174,371
Previous Year Total	171,574	169,458	165,525	167,909	167,589	170,090
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	104	106	103	102	103

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