



# 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 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 14, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 14, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through August 14, 2004 were 5.68 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 10 2004	Jul 17 2004	Jul 24 2004	Jul 31 2004	Aug 7 2004	Aug 14 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,655	30,953	*30,580	30,505	30,390	30,144
AR	31,262	31,653	31,896	31,944	31,552	31,870
DE	3,561	3,689	3,634	3,719	3,747	3,694
FL	1,366	1,370	1,339	1,355	1,349	1,353
GA	33,359	33,806	33,088	34,307	*34,319	33,656
KY	7,398	*7,020	7,187	7,280	*7,437	7,261
LA	3,892	3,907	3,923	3,914	3,923	3,923
MD	8,891	8,862	8,916	8,908	8,895	8,887
MS	19,845	19,829	19,843	19,839	19,831	19,845
NC	18,329	18,782	*18,510	18,383	17,962	18,069
OK	6,216	6,766	6,679	6,890	*6,913	6,485
PA	3,763	3,964	3,760	*4,136	*3,655	3,874
SC	3,510	3,790	3,850	3,828	3,978	4,132
TX	15,371	15,503	15,498	15,353	15,512	15,427
VA	6,863	6,868	6,852	6,655	6,665	6,579
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,071	17,610	17,537	17,326	*17,548	17,819
19 State Total	211,352	*214,372	*213,092	*214,342	*213,676	213,018
Previous Year Total	204,920	208,336	207,442	206,636	206,725	205,371
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	103	104	103	104

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 10 2004	Jul 17 2004	Jul 24 2004	Jul 31 2004	Aug 7 2004	Aug 14 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,972	21,113	22,328	21,781	21,273	21,752
AR	26,353	25,933	24,888	24,993	*25,393	24,238
DE	4,717	5,093	4,987	5,172	5,056	5,021
FL	1,498	1,456	1,221	1,419	1,447	1,589
GA	27,286	27,797	27,041	25,624	*27,056	26,437
KY	6,131	5,638	6,057	6,249	*6,008	6,188
LA	3,755	3,453	4,009	3,733	3,625	3,674
MD	6,119	5,835	5,984	5,375	5,998	5,735
MS	17,116	17,197	17,203	17,064	16,978	17,570
NC	15,355	14,921	13,789	14,887	14,982	14,724
OK	4,164	5,142	5,905	4,880	*4,935	5,121
PA	2,909	2,853	2,808	*2,844	*2,923	2,751
SC	4,158	3,729	3,815	*4,799	4,606	4,160
TX	12,697	12,763	12,631	12,719	12,871	12,874
VA	5,701	5,448	5,428	5,638	5,256	5,380
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,689	16,392	15,501	15,625	*16,166	16,094
19 State Total	175,620	174,763	173,595	*172,802	*174,573	173,308
Previous Year Total	169,458	165,525	167,909	167,589	170,090	169,515
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	106	103	103	103	102

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