



# 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 21, 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 21, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through August 21, 2004 were 5.86 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 17 2004	Jul 24 2004	Jul 31 2004	Aug 7 2004	Aug 14 2004	Aug 21 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,953	30,580	*30,646	30,390	30,144	30,158
AR	31,653	31,896	31,944	31,552	31,870	31,864
DE	3,689	3,634	3,719	3,747	3,694	3,771
FL	1,370	1,339	1,355	1,349	1,353	1,348
GA	33,806	33,088	34,307	34,319	33,656	33,535
KY	7,020	*7,224	*7,264	7,437	7,261	7,038
LA	3,907	3,923	3,914	3,923	3,923	3,923
MD	8,862	8,916	8,908	8,895	*8,885	8,888
MS	19,829	19,843	19,839	19,831	19,845	19,713
NC	18,782	18,510	*18,603	17,962	18,069	18,122
OK	6,766	6,679	*6,798	6,913	6,485	6,739
PA	3,964	3,760	4,136	3,655	*3,872	3,963
SC	3,790	3,850	3,828	3,978	4,132	3,856
TX	15,503	15,498	15,353	15,512	15,427	15,260
VA	6,868	6,852	6,655	6,665	6,579	6,572
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,610	*17,545	*17,627	*17,577	*17,741	17,798
19 State Total	214,372	*213,137	*214,896	*213,705	*212,936	212,548
Previous Year Total	208,336	207,442	206,636	206,725	205,371	205,998
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	104	103	104	103

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 17 2004	Jul 24 2004	Jul 31 2004	Aug 7 2004	Aug 14 2004	Aug 21 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,113	22,328	21,781	21,273	21,752	21,526
AR	25,933	24,888	24,993	*25,396	*25,208	26,386
DE	5,093	4,987	5,172	5,056	*5,018	4,906
FL	1,456	1,221	1,419	1,447	1,589	1,467
GA	27,797	27,041	25,624	27,056	*26,398	26,884
KY	5,638	6,057	6,249	6,008	*6,216	6,448
LA	3,453	4,009	3,733	3,625	3,674	3,719
MD	5,835	5,984	5,375	5,998	*5,743	6,059
MS	17,197	17,203	17,064	*17,006	17,570	17,179
NC	14,921	13,789	14,887	14,982	14,724	14,955
OK	5,142	5,905	4,880	4,935	5,121	4,926
PA	2,853	2,808	2,844	2,923	*2,764	2,929
SC	3,729	3,815	4,799	*4,603	4,160	4,661
TX	12,763	12,631	12,719	12,871	12,874	12,702
VA	5,448	5,428	5,638	5,256	5,380	5,209
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,392	15,501	15,625	*16,075	*16,470	15,896
19 State Total	174,763	173,595	172,802	*174,510	*174,661	175,852
Previous Year Total	165,525	167,909	167,589	170,090	169,515	169,295
Pct. of Prev. Year	106	103	103	103	103	104

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