



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 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 28, 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 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 28, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through August 28, 2004 were 6.03 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 24 2004	Jul 31 2004	Aug 7 2004	Aug 14 2004	Aug 21 2004	Aug 28 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,580	30,646	30,390	30,144	30,158	30,106
AR	31,896	31,944	31,552	31,870	*31,803	31,540
DE	3,634	3,719	3,747	3,694	*3,773	3,693
FL	1,339	1,355	*1,339	1,353	1,348	1,339
GA	33,088	34,307	34,319	33,656	33,535	33,490
KY	7,224	7,264	7,437	7,261	*7,073	7,314
LA	3,923	3,914	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,968
MD	8,916	8,908	8,895	8,885	*8,886	8,879
MS	19,843	19,839	19,831	19,845	19,713	18,790
NC	18,510	18,603	*17,467	18,069	18,122	17,651
OK	6,679	6,798	6,913	6,485	6,739	6,478
PA	3,760	4,136	3,655	*3,669	3,963	3,850
SC	3,850	3,828	3,978	4,132	3,856	4,131
TX	15,498	15,353	15,512	15,427	15,260	15,302
VA	6,852	6,655	6,665	6,579	6,572	6,612
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,545	*17,634	*17,582	*17,746	*17,797	17,231
19 State Total	213,137	*214,903	*213,205	*212,738	*212,521	210,374
Previous Year Total	207,442	206,636	206,725	205,371	205,998	203,135
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	103	104	103	104

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 24 2004	Jul 31 2004	Aug 7 2004	Aug 14 2004	Aug 21 2004	Aug 28 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,328	21,781	21,273	21,752	21,526	21,657
AR	24,888	24,993	25,396	25,208	*26,539	24,738
DE	4,987	5,172	5,056	5,018	*4,912	5,241
FL	1,221	1,419	1,447	1,589	1,467	1,313
GA	27,041	25,624	27,056	26,398	26,884	27,493
KY	6,057	6,249	6,008	6,216	*6,397	6,465
LA	4,009	3,733	3,625	3,674	3,719	3,914
MD	5,984	5,375	5,998	5,743	*6,119	5,880
MS	17,203	17,064	17,006	17,570	17,179	17,055
NC	13,789	14,887	14,982	14,724	*14,629	14,135
OK	5,905	4,880	4,935	5,121	4,926	4,693
PA	2,808	2,844	2,923	*2,822	2,929	2,677
SC	3,815	4,799	4,603	4,160	4,661	4,242
TX	12,631	12,719	12,871	12,874	12,702	12,872
VA	5,428	5,638	5,256	5,380	5,209	5,197
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,501	*15,634	*16,088	*16,468	*15,870	17,315
19 State Total	173,595	*172,811	*174,523	*174,717	*175,668	174,887
Previous Year Total	167,909	167,589	170,090	169,515	169,295	169,271
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	103	103	104	103

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