



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 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 4, 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 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 4, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through September 4, 2004 were 6.21 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 31 2004	Aug 7 2004	Aug 14 2004	Aug 21 2004	Aug 28 2004	Sep 4 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,646	30,390	30,144	30,158	30,106	29,579
AR	31,944	31,552	31,870	31,803	31,540	31,479
DE	3,719	3,747	3,694	3,773	3,693	3,628
FL	1,355	1,339	1,353	1,348	1,339	1,339
GA	34,307	34,319	*33,807	*33,538	*33,277	32,756
KY	7,264	*7,293	7,261	7,073	7,314	6,817
LA	3,914	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,968	3,967
MD	8,908	8,895	8,885	8,886	8,879	8,762
MS	19,839	19,831	19,845	19,713	18,790	19,689
NC	18,603	17,467	*18,011	18,122	17,651	17,710
OK	6,798	6,913	6,485	6,739	6,478	6,614
PA	4,136	3,655	*3,668	*3,990	*3,951	3,836
SC	3,828	3,978	4,132	3,856	4,131	4,136
TX	*15,356	*15,515	*15,424	*15,257	*15,299	15,268
VA	6,655	6,665	6,579	6,572	6,612	6,293
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,667	*17,592	*17,739	*17,790	*17,224	17,585
19 State Total	*214,939	*213,074	*212,820	*212,541	*210,252	209,458
Previous Year Total	206,636	206,725	205,371	205,998	203,135	200,711
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	103	104	103	104	104

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 31 2004	Aug 7 2004	Aug 14 2004	Aug 21 2004	Aug 28 2004	Sep 4 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,781	21,273	21,752	21,526	21,657	21,354
AR	24,993	25,396	25,208	26,539	*24,919	25,192
DE	5,172	5,056	5,018	4,912	5,241	4,897
FL	1,419	1,447	1,589	1,467	1,313	1,182
GA	25,624	27,056	26,398	*26,850	*27,485	26,098
KY	6,249	6,008	6,216	6,397	*6,408	6,121
LA	3,733	3,625	3,674	3,719	3,914	3,839
MD	5,375	5,998	5,743	6,119	5,880	5,858
MS	17,064	17,006	17,570	17,179	17,055	17,581
NC	14,887	14,982	14,724	14,629	14,135	14,331
OK	4,880	4,935	5,121	4,926	4,693	4,857
PA	2,844	2,923	*2,828	*2,875	*2,744	2,688
SC	4,799	4,603	4,160	4,661	4,242	5,170
TX	12,719	*12,874	*12,876	*12,705	*12,874	12,774
VA	5,638	5,256	5,380	5,209	5,197	5,086
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,634	*16,060	*16,484	*15,892	*17,333	16,404
19 State Total	172,811	*174,498	*174,741	*175,605	*175,090	173,432
Previous Year Total	167,589	170,090	169,515	169,295	169,271	168,221
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	103	104	103	103

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