



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 198 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 18, 2004. This was up 2 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 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 18, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through September 18, 2004 were 6.56 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 14 2004	Aug 21 2004	Aug 28 2004	Sep 4 2004	Sep 11 2004	Sep 18 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,144	30,158	*29,870	30,262	28,658	28,557
AR	31,870	31,803	31,540	31,753	28,990	30,823
DE	3,694	3,773	3,693	3,628	3,546	3,250
FL	1,353	1,348	1,339	1,339	1,339	1,349
GA	33,807	33,838	*33,477	32,843	*32,697	31,989
KY	7,161	*7,039	*7,169	*6,680	6,477	6,204
LA	3,923	3,923	3,968	3,967	3,833	3,918
MD	8,885	8,886	*8,771	8,762	7,893	7,872
MS	19,845	19,713	18,790	19,340	18,472	18,374
NC	18,127	18,285	*17,988	17,710	*17,492	17,107
OK	6,685	6,639	6,478	6,583	6,530	6,277
PA	3,668	3,990	3,951	*3,877	*3,637	3,632
SC	4,132	3,856	4,131	4,136	*3,938	4,208
TX	15,424	15,257	15,299	15,268	14,829	13,315
VA	6,579	6,572	6,612	6,205	6,620	5,839
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,743	*17,792	*17,362	*17,028	*17,298	15,396
19 State Total	*213,040	*212,872	*210,438	*209,381	*202,249	198,110
Previous Year Total	205,371	205,998	203,135	200,711	195,084	193,335
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	103	104	104	104	102

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 14 2004	Aug 21 2004	Aug 28 2004	Sep 4 2004	Sep 11 2004	Sep 18 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,752	21,526	21,657	21,911	21,825	21,352
AR	25,208	26,539	24,919	25,421	25,536	24,846
DE	5,018	4,912	*5,369	4,897	4,719	5,096
FL	1,589	1,467	1,313	1,182	*1,359	1,298
GA	26,398	26,850	27,485	26,594	*27,180	27,310
KY	6,216	6,397	6,389	*5,678	*6,012	5,982
LA	3,674	3,719	3,914	3,839	3,662	4,126
MD	5,743	6,119	*5,468	5,858	6,020	5,557
MS	17,570	17,179	17,055	17,576	*17,194	16,006
NC	14,724	14,629	14,135	14,331	*14,715	14,270
OK	5,122	5,038	4,693	4,857	5,021	6,721
PA	2,828	2,875	2,747	*2,830	*2,894	2,887
SC	4,160	4,661	4,242	4,772	*3,789	4,026
TX	12,876	12,705	12,874	12,774	12,702	12,731
VA	5,380	5,209	5,483	5,408	5,401	5,518
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,484	15,892	17,457	*16,302	*16,164	14,925
19 State Total	174,742	175,717	*175,200	*174,230	*174,193	172,651
Previous Year Total	169,515	169,295	169,271	168,221	168,773	165,761
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	104	104	103	104

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