



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 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 25, 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 25, 2004. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through September 25, 2004 were 6.73 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 21 2004	Aug 28 2004	Sep 4 2004	Sep 11 2004	Sep 18 2004	Sep 25 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,158	29,870	*29,836	28,658	28,557	29,140
AR	31,803	31,540	31,753	28,990	*30,299	30,749
DE	3,773	3,693	3,628	3,546	3,250	3,551
FL	1,348	1,339	1,339	1,339	1,349	1,359
GA	33,838	33,477	*33,158	32,697	*31,945	30,994
KY	7,039	7,169	6,680	6,477	6,204	6,636
LA	3,923	3,968	3,967	3,833	*3,968	3,816
MD	8,886	8,771	8,762	7,893	7,872	8,587
MS	19,713	18,790	19,340	18,472	*18,176	18,308
NC	18,285	17,988	*17,660	17,492	17,107	17,904
OK	6,639	*6,639	*6,443	6,530	*6,517	5,782
PA	3,990	3,951	3,877	3,637	3,632	3,854
SC	3,856	4,131	4,136	3,938	4,208	4,012
TX	15,257	15,299	15,268	14,829	13,315	15,214
VA	6,572	6,612	6,205	6,620	5,839	6,245
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,792	*17,363	*17,188	17,298	*15,431	15,441
19 State Total	212,872	*210,600	*209,240	202,249	*197,669	201,592
Previous Year Total	205,998	203,135	200,711	195,084	193,335	195,868
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	104	104	102	103

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 21 2004	Aug 28 2004	Sep 4 2004	Sep 11 2004	Sep 18 2004	Sep 25 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,526	21,657	21,911	21,825	21,352	21,650
AR	26,539	24,919	25,421	25,536	*24,868	24,656
DE	4,912	5,369	4,897	4,719	5,096	4,813
FL	1,467	1,313	1,182	1,359	1,298	1,226
GA	26,850	27,485	26,594	27,180	27,310	27,233
KY	6,397	6,389	5,678	6,012	5,982	5,578
LA	3,719	3,914	3,839	3,662	*4,128	3,921
MD	6,119	5,468	5,858	6,020	5,557	5,718
MS	17,179	17,055	17,576	17,194	*16,260	17,108
NC	14,629	14,135	14,331	14,715	14,270	13,895
OK	5,038	4,693	4,857	5,021	*6,720	5,744
PA	2,875	2,747	2,830	2,894	2,887	2,872
SC	4,661	4,242	4,772	3,789	4,026	3,713
TX	12,705	12,874	12,774	12,702	12,731	12,573
VA	5,209	5,483	5,408	5,401	5,518	5,061
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,892	17,457	16,302	16,164	*14,942	15,774
19 State Total	175,717	175,200	174,230	174,193	*172,945	171,535
Previous Year Total	169,295	169,271	168,221	168,773	165,761	163,137
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	104	103	104	105

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