



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 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 2, 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 2, 2004. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through October 2, 2004 were 6.89 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 28 2004	Sep 4 2004	Sep 11 2004	Sep 18 2004	Sep 25 2004	Oct 2 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,870	*30,066	*28,916	28,557	*29,371	29,335
AR	31,540	31,753	*30,639	30,299	30,749	27,856
DE	3,693	3,628	3,546	3,250	3,551	3,631
FL	1,339	1,339	1,339	1,349	1,359	1,348
GA	33,477	33,158	*32,608	31,945	*30,739	31,504
KY	7,169	*6,715	*6,410	6,204	6,636	6,942
LA	3,968	3,967	3,833	3,968	3,816	3,846
MD	8,771	8,762	7,893	7,872	8,587	8,548
MS	18,790	19,340	18,472	18,176	18,308	17,923
NC	17,988	17,660	*16,649	17,107	17,904	16,649
OK	6,639	6,443	*6,184	6,517	5,782	5,699
PA	3,951	3,877	3,637	*3,251	*3,682	3,804
SC	4,131	4,136	3,938	4,208	4,012	4,223
TX	15,299	15,268	14,829	13,315	15,214	14,760
VA	6,612	6,205	6,620	5,839	6,245	5,847
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,363	*17,189	17,298	*16,292	*16,696	17,217
19 State Total	210,600	*209,506	*202,811	*198,149	*202,651	199,132
Previous Year Total	203,135	200,711	195,084	193,335	195,868	195,032
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	104	102	103	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 28 2004	Sep 4 2004	Sep 11 2004	Sep 18 2004	Sep 25 2004	Oct 2 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,657	21,911	21,825	21,352	*21,257	21,052
AR	24,919	25,421	25,536	24,868	24,656	23,585
DE	5,369	4,897	4,719	5,096	4,813	4,093
FL	1,313	1,182	1,359	1,298	1,226	1,421
GA	27,485	26,594	27,180	27,310	*27,247	25,780
KY	6,389	5,678	6,012	5,982	*5,595	5,587
LA	3,914	3,839	3,662	4,128	3,921	3,531
MD	5,468	5,858	6,020	5,557	5,718	5,695
MS	17,055	17,576	17,194	16,260	17,108	16,076
NC	14,135	14,331	14,715	14,270	13,895	13,605
OK	4,693	4,857	5,021	6,720	5,744	5,016
PA	2,747	2,830	2,894	*2,903	*2,886	2,665
SC	4,242	4,772	3,789	4,026	3,713	4,330
TX	12,874	12,774	12,702	12,731	12,573	12,253
VA	5,483	5,408	5,401	5,518	5,061	5,458
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,457	16,302	16,164	14,942	*15,750	16,942
19 State Total	175,200	174,230	174,193	*172,961	*171,163	167,089
Previous Year Total	169,271	168,221	168,773	165,761	163,137	158,932
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	103	104	105	105

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