



# 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 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 9, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 9, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through October 9, 2004 were 7.05 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 4 2004	Sep 11 2004	Sep 18 2004	Sep 25 2004	Oct 2 2004	Oct 9 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,066	28,916	*28,736	29,371	29,335	28,953
AR	31,753	30,639	*29,739	30,749	27,856	29,881
DE	3,628	3,546	3,250	3,551	3,631	3,619
FL	1,339	1,339	1,349	1,359	1,348	1,349
GA	33,158	32,608	31,945	30,739	31,504	32,751
KY	6,715	6,410	6,204	6,636	*6,547	6,941
LA	3,967	3,833	3,968	3,816	3,846	3,816
MD	8,762	7,893	7,872	8,587	8,548	8,053
MS	19,340	18,472	*18,297	18,308	17,923	18,194
NC	17,660	16,649	*17,074	17,904	16,649	17,084
OK	6,443	6,184	*5,992	5,782	5,699	6,195
PA	3,877	3,637	3,251	*3,683	3,804	3,679
SC	4,136	3,938	4,208	4,012	4,223	4,267
TX	*15,270	*14,831	*13,314	*15,213	*14,759	15,125
VA	6,205	6,620	5,839	6,245	5,847	6,530
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,169	*17,279	*16,306	*16,711	*17,261	17,211
19 State Total	*209,488	*202,794	*197,344	*202,666	*198,780	203,648
Previous Year Total	200,711	195,084	193,335	195,868	195,032	196,592
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	102	103	102	104

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 4 2004	Sep 11 2004	Sep 18 2004	Sep 25 2004	Oct 2 2004	Oct 9 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,911	21,825	*21,309	21,257	21,052	19,976
AR	25,421	25,536	24,868	24,656	*23,806	23,661
DE	4,897	4,719	5,096	4,813	4,093	4,644
FL	1,182	1,359	1,298	1,226	1,421	1,555
GA	26,594	27,180	27,310	27,247	*25,441	25,792
KY	5,678	6,012	5,982	5,595	*5,454	5,379
LA	3,839	3,662	4,128	3,921	3,531	3,655
MD	5,858	6,020	5,557	5,718	5,695	4,567
MS	17,576	17,194	16,260	17,108	16,076	15,626
NC	14,331	14,715	14,270	13,895	13,605	13,669
OK	4,857	5,021	6,720	5,744	5,016	4,304
PA	2,830	2,894	2,903	*2,907	2,665	2,470
SC	4,772	3,789	4,026	3,713	4,330	4,537
TX	*12,776	*12,704	*12,733	*12,575	*12,254	11,105
VA	5,408	5,401	5,518	5,061	5,458	4,820
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,344	*16,204	*14,985	*15,735	*16,949	15,431
19 State Total	*174,274	*174,235	*172,963	*171,171	*166,846	161,191
Previous Year Total	168,221	168,773	165,761	163,137	158,932	157,612
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	103	104	105	105	102

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