



# 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 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 16, 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 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 16, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through October 16, 2004 were 7.22 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 11 2004	Sep 18 2004	Sep 25 2004	Oct 2 2004	Oct 9 2004	Oct 16 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,916	28,736	*28,929	29,335	28,953	28,157
AR	30,639	29,739	*30,719	27,856	*29,684	28,681
DE	3,546	3,250	3,551	3,631	3,619	3,562
FL	1,339	1,349	1,359	1,348	1,349	1,349
GA	32,608	31,945	30,739	31,504	32,751	30,101
KY	6,410	*6,268	6,636	6,547	*6,827	5,839
LA	3,833	3,968	3,816	3,846	3,816	3,816
MD	7,893	7,872	8,587	8,548	8,053	8,090
MS	18,472	18,297	*17,623	17,923	18,194	17,553
NC	16,649	17,074	*17,859	16,649	17,084	16,956
OK	6,184	5,992	5,782	5,699	6,195	6,220
PA	3,637	3,251	3,683	*3,881	*3,705	3,660
SC	3,938	4,208	4,012	4,223	4,267	4,198
TX	14,831	13,314	15,213	14,759	15,125	13,836
VA	6,620	5,839	6,245	5,847	6,530	6,091
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,279	*16,307	16,711	17,261	*17,561	16,715
19 State Total	202,794	*197,409	*201,464	*198,857	*203,713	194,824
Previous Year Total	195,084	193,335	195,868	195,032	196,592	187,583
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	102	103	102	104	104

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 11 2004	Sep 18 2004	Sep 25 2004	Oct 2 2004	Oct 9 2004	Oct 16 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,825	21,309	21,257	21,052	19,976	20,451
AR	25,536	24,868	24,656	23,806	*23,656	24,930
DE	4,719	5,096	4,813	4,093	4,644	5,093
FL	1,359	1,298	1,226	1,421	1,555	1,575
GA	27,180	27,310	27,247	25,441	25,792	23,176
KY	6,012	5,982	5,595	5,454	*5,574	5,753
LA	3,662	4,128	3,921	3,531	3,655	3,659
MD	6,020	5,557	5,718	5,695	4,567	5,547
MS	17,194	16,260	17,108	16,076	15,626	15,942
NC	14,715	14,270	13,895	13,605	13,669	14,410
OK	5,021	6,720	5,744	5,016	4,304	4,805
PA	2,894	2,903	2,907	*2,661	*2,464	2,555
SC	3,789	4,026	3,713	4,330	4,537	4,435
TX	12,704	12,733	12,575	12,254	11,105	12,596
VA	5,401	5,518	5,061	5,458	4,820	4,794
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,204	14,985	15,735	16,949	*15,014	14,243
19 State Total	174,235	172,963	171,171	*166,842	*160,958	163,964
Previous Year Total	168,773	165,761	163,137	158,932	157,612	160,266
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	105	105	102	102

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