



# 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 194 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 23, 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 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 23, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through October 23, 2004 were 7.38 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 18 2004	Sep 25 2004	Oct 2 2004	Oct 9 2004	Oct 16 2004	Oct 23 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,736	28,929	*29,481	28,953	*27,665	27,335
AR	29,739	30,719	*28,103	29,684	28,681	28,453
DE	3,250	3,551	3,631	3,619	*3,563	3,366
FL	1,349	1,359	1,348	1,349	1,349	1,346
GA	31,945	30,739	*31,726	*32,749	30,101	31,182
KY	6,268	*6,581	6,547	6,827	5,839	5,838
LA	3,968	3,816	3,846	3,816	3,816	3,665
MD	7,872	8,587	8,548	8,053	*8,118	7,967
MS	18,297	17,623	*18,226	18,194	17,553	17,630
NC	17,074	17,859	*17,283	17,084	16,956	17,416
OK	5,992	5,782	5,699	6,195	*6,227	5,919
PA	3,251	3,683	3,881	*3,737	*3,769	3,737
SC	4,208	4,012	4,223	4,267	4,198	4,583
TX	13,314	15,213	*14,472	15,125	13,836	13,051
VA	5,839	6,245	5,847	6,530	6,091	6,573
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,307	16,711	17,261	17,561	*16,534	15,903
19 State Total	197,409	*201,409	*200,122	*203,743	*194,296	193,964
Previous Year Total	193,335	195,868	195,032	196,592	187,583	190,088
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	103	104	104	102

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 18 2004	Sep 25 2004	Oct 2 2004	Oct 9 2004	Oct 16 2004	Oct 23 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,309	21,257	*21,029	19,976	*20,494	20,948
AR	24,868	24,656	23,806	23,656	*25,114	23,132
DE	5,096	4,813	4,093	4,644	*5,062	4,631
FL	1,298	1,226	1,421	1,555	*1,538	1,512
GA	*27,878	*27,594	25,441	25,792	*23,146	25,433
KY	5,982	5,595	5,454	5,574	*5,721	5,639
LA	4,128	3,921	3,531	3,655	3,659	3,424
MD	5,557	5,718	5,695	4,567	*5,605	6,000
MS	16,260	17,108	16,076	15,626	15,942	16,271
NC	14,270	13,895	13,605	13,669	14,410	13,714
OK	6,720	5,744	5,016	4,304	4,805	3,779
PA	2,903	2,907	2,661	*2,434	*2,573	2,797
SC	4,026	3,713	4,330	4,537	4,435	4,049
TX	12,733	12,575	12,254	11,105	12,596	12,012
VA	5,518	5,061	5,458	4,820	4,794	4,699
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,985	15,735	16,949	15,014	*14,290	16,622
19 State Total	*173,531	*171,518	*166,819	*160,928	*164,184	164,662
Previous Year Total	165,761	163,137	158,932	157,612	160,266	159,007
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	105	105	102	102	104

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