



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 198 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 30, 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 30, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through October 30, 2004 were 7.55 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 25 2004	Oct 2 2004	Oct 9 2004	Oct 16 2004	Oct 23 2004	Oct 30 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,929	29,481	*28,073	27,665	27,335	27,822
AR	30,719	28,103	29,684	28,681	28,453	27,423
DE	3,551	3,631	3,619	3,563	3,366	3,500
FL	1,359	1,348	1,349	1,349	1,346	1,345
GA	30,739	31,726	*32,900	*30,252	31,182	31,844
KY	6,581	6,547	6,827	5,839	5,838	7,010
LA	3,816	3,846	3,816	3,816	3,665	3,750
MD	8,587	8,548	*8,186	8,118	7,967	8,547
MS	17,623	18,226	*18,722	*18,354	*17,826	17,752
NC	17,859	17,283	*16,526	16,956	*17,476	17,604
OK	5,782	5,699	6,195	6,227	*5,922	5,698
PA	3,683	3,881	3,737	3,769	*3,588	3,873
SC	4,012	4,223	4,267	4,198	4,583	4,415
TX	15,213	14,472	*15,122	13,836	13,051	14,488
VA	6,245	5,847	6,530	6,091	6,573	5,987
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,711	*17,262	17,561	16,534	*16,257	16,759
19 State Total	201,409	*200,123	*203,114	*195,248	*194,428	197,817
Previous Year Total	195,868	195,032	196,592	187,583	190,088	192,346
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	103	104	102	103

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 25 2004	Oct 2 2004	Oct 9 2004	Oct 16 2004	Oct 23 2004	Oct 30 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,257	21,029	19,976	20,494	20,948	20,203
AR	24,656	23,806	23,656	25,114	*23,138	23,670
DE	4,813	4,093	4,644	5,062	4,631	5,463
FL	1,226	1,421	1,555	1,538	1,512	1,563
GA	27,594	25,441	25,792	*23,324	*25,549	26,277
KY	5,595	5,454	5,574	5,721	5,639	5,968
LA	3,921	3,531	3,655	3,659	3,424	3,785
MD	5,718	5,695	4,567	5,605	6,000	4,728
MS	17,108	16,076	*15,656	*16,095	*16,306	16,567
NC	13,895	13,605	13,669	14,410	*13,830	13,216
OK	5,744	5,016	4,304	4,805	3,779	4,813
PA	2,907	2,661	2,434	2,573	*2,794	2,720
SC	3,713	4,330	4,537	4,435	*3,951	4,538
TX	12,575	12,254	11,105	12,596	12,012	12,358
VA	5,061	5,458	4,820	4,794	4,699	5,103
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,735	16,949	15,014	14,290	*16,632	15,678
19 State Total	171,518	166,819	*160,958	*164,515	*164,844	166,650
Previous Year Total	163,137	158,932	157,612	160,266	159,007	160,094
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	105	102	103	104	104

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