



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 6, 2004. This was down 1 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 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 6, 2004. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through November 6, 2004 were 7.71 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 2 2004	Oct 9 2004	Oct 16 2004	Oct 23 2004	Oct 30 2004	Nov 6 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,481	28,073	*27,644	27,335	27,822	28,200
AR	28,103	29,684	*28,802	28,453	27,423	27,142
DE	3,631	3,619	3,563	3,366	3,500	3,809
FL	1,348	1,349	*1,359	1,346	1,345	1,355
GA	31,726	32,900	*30,891	31,182	*31,686	30,586
KY	*6,593	*6,798	5,839	5,838	7,010	6,728
LA	3,846	*3,599	*3,598	*3,573	*3,983	3,982
MD	8,548	8,186	8,118	7,967	8,547	8,504
MS	18,226	18,722	*18,761	17,826	17,752	18,722
NC	17,283	16,526	*16,783	17,476	17,604	17,058
OK	5,699	6,195	*6,635	5,922	5,698	6,255
PA	3,881	3,737	3,769	3,588	*3,901	3,890
SC	4,223	4,267	*4,411	4,583	4,415	4,387
TX	*14,469	*15,119	*13,827	*13,042	*14,480	14,795
VA	5,847	6,530	6,091	6,573	5,987	6,274
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,262	17,561	*16,145	*16,261	*16,756	17,545
19 State Total	*200,166	*202,865	*196,236	*194,331	*197,909	199,232
Previous Year Total	195,032	196,592	187,583	190,088	192,346	201,076
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	105	102	103	99

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 2 2004	Oct 9 2004	Oct 16 2004	Oct 23 2004	Oct 30 2004	Nov 6 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,029	19,976	20,494	20,948	20,203	20,375
AR	23,806	23,656	25,114	23,138	23,670	22,860
DE	4,093	4,644	5,062	4,631	5,463	5,694
FL	1,421	1,555	1,538	1,512	1,563	1,495
GA	*25,480	*26,100	*23,611	*25,816	*26,515	24,702
KY	5,454	5,574	5,721	*5,653	*5,947	5,064
LA	*3,351	3,655	3,659	*3,410	*3,578	3,418
MD	5,695	4,567	5,605	6,000	4,728	4,244
MS	16,076	15,656	*16,101	16,306	16,567	16,207
NC	13,605	13,669	14,410	13,830	13,216	13,802
OK	5,016	4,304	4,805	3,779	4,813	5,460
PA	2,661	2,434	2,573	2,794	*2,784	2,581
SC	4,330	4,537	4,435	3,951	4,538	4,359
TX	*12,374	*11,102	*12,594	*12,010	*12,356	11,513
VA	5,458	4,820	4,794	4,699	5,103	4,909
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,949	15,014	*14,288	*16,630	*15,665	15,401
19 State Total	*166,798	*161,263	*164,804	*165,107	*166,709	162,084
Previous Year Total	158,932	157,612	160,266	159,007	160,094	153,618
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	102	103	104	104	106

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