



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 13, 2004. This was down slightly 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 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 13, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through November 13, 2004 were 7.88 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 9 2004	Oct 16 2004	Oct 23 2004	Oct 30 2004	Nov 6 2004	Nov 13 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,073	27,644	*26,886	27,822	28,200	29,059
AR	29,684	28,802	*28,574	27,423	27,142	29,931
DE	3,619	3,563	3,366	3,500	3,809	3,464
FL	1,349	1,359	*1,356	1,345	*1,300	1,317
GA	32,900	30,891	31,182	31,686	*30,880	32,706
KY	6,798	*5,982	5,838	7,010	*6,995	6,977
LA	3,599	3,598	3,573	3,983	3,982	3,984
MD	8,186	8,118	7,967	8,547	8,504	8,316
MS	18,722	18,761	*18,286	17,752	18,722	18,681
NC	16,526	16,783	*16,852	17,604	17,058	17,076
OK	6,195	6,635	*6,331	*5,699	6,255	6,251
PA	3,737	3,769	3,588	*3,910	*3,886	3,841
SC	4,267	4,411	4,583	4,415	4,387	4,542
TX	15,119	13,827	*13,169	14,480	14,795	14,391
VA	6,530	6,091	6,573	5,987	6,274	6,330
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,562	16,145	16,261	16,756	*17,632	18,199
19 State Total	*202,866	*196,379	*194,385	*197,919	*199,821	205,065
Previous Year Total	196,592	187,583	190,088	192,346	201,076	205,395
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	105	102	103	99	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 9 2004	Oct 16 2004	Oct 23 2004	Oct 30 2004	Nov 6 2004	Nov 13 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,976	20,494	20,948	20,203	20,375	19,177
AR	*23,492	*24,724	*23,205	*23,732	*22,634	23,366
DE	4,644	5,062	4,631	5,463	5,694	5,719
FL	1,555	1,538	1,512	1,563	1,495	1,615
GA	26,100	23,611	25,816	26,515	*25,097	24,814
KY	5,574	5,721	5,653	5,947	*4,853	5,267
LA	3,655	3,659	3,410	3,578	3,418	3,385
MD	4,567	5,605	6,000	4,728	4,244	4,042
MS	15,656	16,101	16,306	16,567	16,207	16,357
NC	13,669	14,410	13,830	13,216	*13,811	14,239
OK	4,304	4,805	3,779	*4,749	5,460	4,720
PA	2,434	2,573	2,794	*2,803	*2,633	2,663
SC	4,537	4,435	3,951	4,538	*3,897	3,530
TX	11,102	12,594	12,010	12,356	11,513	10,967
VA	4,820	4,794	4,699	5,103	*5,028	5,270
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,062	*14,677	*16,563	*15,584	*15,628	16,065
19 State Total	*161,147	*164,803	*165,107	*166,645	*161,987	161,196
Previous Year Total	157,612	160,266	159,007	160,094	153,618	155,123
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	104	104	105	104

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