



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 20, 2004. This was up 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 20, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through November 20, 2004 were 8.04 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 16 2004	Oct 23 2004	Oct 30 2004	Nov 6 2004	Nov 13 2004	Nov 20 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,644	26,886	*27,838	28,200	29,059	28,956
AR	28,802	28,574	*27,242	27,142	29,931	30,578
DE	3,563	3,366	3,500	*3,780	3,464	3,568
FL	1,359	1,356	1,345	1,300	1,317	1,338
GA	30,891	31,182	*31,111	30,880	*32,870	31,735
KY	5,982	*5,747	7,010	6,995	6,977	7,169
LA	3,598	3,573	3,983	3,982	3,984	3,984
MD	8,118	7,967	8,547	8,504	*8,416	8,616
MS	*18,645	18,286	*17,223	18,722	18,681	19,312
NC	16,783	16,852	*18,024	17,058	17,076	17,845
OK	6,635	6,331	*6,107	6,255	*6,131	6,648
PA	3,769	3,588	3,910	3,886	*3,803	3,880
SC	4,411	4,583	4,415	4,387	4,542	4,407
TX	13,827	13,169	14,480	14,795	14,391	14,826
VA	6,091	6,573	5,987	6,274	6,330	6,355
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,145	*16,265	16,756	17,632	*18,186	17,484
19 State Total	*196,263	*194,298	*197,478	*199,792	*205,158	206,701
Previous Year Total	187,583	190,088	192,346	201,076	205,395	204,537
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	102	103	99	100	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 16 2004	Oct 23 2004	Oct 30 2004	Nov 6 2004	Nov 13 2004	Nov 20 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,494	20,948	20,203	20,375	19,177	20,257
AR	24,724	23,205	23,732	22,634	*23,357	22,691
DE	5,062	4,631	5,463	*5,557	*5,483	4,666
FL	1,538	1,512	1,563	1,495	1,615	1,492
GA	23,611	25,816	*25,818	25,097	*24,802	25,161
KY	5,721	5,653	5,947	4,853	*5,222	5,523
LA	3,659	3,410	3,578	3,418	3,385	3,752
MD	5,605	6,000	4,728	*4,402	*4,454	5,661
MS	16,101	16,306	16,567	16,207	16,357	15,402
NC	14,410	13,830	13,216	13,811	14,239	14,743
OK	4,805	3,779	4,749	5,460	*4,718	4,250
PA	2,573	2,794	2,803	2,633	*2,681	2,810
SC	4,435	3,951	4,538	3,897	3,530	4,112
TX	12,594	12,010	12,356	11,513	10,967	12,115
VA	4,794	4,699	5,103	5,028	*5,113	4,759
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,677	16,563	15,584	15,628	*16,062	15,330
19 State Total	164,803	165,107	*165,948	*162,008	*161,162	162,724
Previous Year Total	160,266	159,007	160,094	153,618	155,123	156,626
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	104	105	104	104

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