



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 27, 2004. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 27, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through November 27, 2004 were 8.21 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 23 2004	Oct 30 2004	Nov 6 2004	Nov 13 2004	Nov 20 2004	Nov 27 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,886	27,838	*28,760	29,059	28,956	29,233
AR	28,574	27,242	27,142	29,931	30,578	30,920
DE	3,366	3,500	3,780	3,464	3,568	3,815
FL	1,356	1,345	1,300	1,317	1,338	1,329
GA	31,182	31,111	*31,463	32,870	*31,549	33,769
KY	5,747	*7,088	6,995	6,977	7,169	7,014
LA	3,573	3,983	3,982	3,984	3,984	3,979
MD	7,967	8,547	8,504	8,416	8,616	8,733
MS	18,286	17,223	*18,861	18,681	19,312	19,540
NC	16,852	18,024	*17,072	17,076	17,845	17,451
OK	6,331	6,107	6,255	6,131	6,648	6,674
PA	3,588	3,910	3,886	*3,758	*3,889	3,693
SC	4,583	4,415	4,387	4,542	4,407	4,559
TX	13,169	14,480	14,795	14,391	14,826	14,492
VA	6,573	5,987	6,274	6,330	6,355	6,499
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,265	*16,757	17,632	18,186	17,484	17,990
19 State Total	194,298	*197,557	*201,088	*205,113	*206,524	209,690
Previous Year Total	190,088	192,346	201,076	205,395	204,537	208,986
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	100	100	101	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 23 2004	Oct 30 2004	Nov 6 2004	Nov 13 2004	Nov 20 2004	Nov 27 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,948	20,203	20,375	19,177	20,257	20,715
AR	23,205	23,732	22,634	23,357	22,691	22,275
DE	4,631	5,463	5,557	5,483	4,666	5,124
FL	1,512	1,563	1,495	1,615	1,492	1,354
GA	25,816	25,818	25,097	24,802	*25,011	26,718
KY	5,653	5,947	4,853	5,222	*5,562	5,849
LA	3,410	3,578	3,418	3,385	3,752	4,208
MD	6,000	4,728	4,402	4,454	5,661	5,380
MS	16,306	16,567	16,207	16,357	15,402	16,631
NC	13,830	13,216	13,811	14,239	14,743	14,317
OK	3,779	4,749	5,460	4,718	4,250	4,956
PA	2,794	2,803	2,633	*2,731	*2,900	2,791
SC	3,951	4,538	3,897	3,530	4,112	3,664
TX	12,010	12,356	11,513	10,967	12,115	12,428
VA	4,699	5,103	5,028	5,113	4,759	4,913
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,563	15,584	15,628	16,062	*15,626	16,275
19 State Total	165,107	165,948	162,008	*161,212	*162,999	167,598
Previous Year Total	159,007	160,094	153,618	155,123	156,626	164,561
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	105	104	104	102

* Revised