



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 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 11, 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 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 11, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through December 11, 2004 were 8.20 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 6 2004	Nov 13 2004	Nov 20 2004	Nov 27 2004	Dec 4 2004	Dec 11 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,760	28,892	*29,459	29,233	29,704	29,432
AR	27,142	30,052	*30,824	30,922	30,902	30,746
DE	3,780	3,464	3,574	3,815	*3,473	3,854
FL	1,300	1,337	*1,363	1,339	1,339	1,359
GA	31,463	*33,407	*32,628	33,789	*33,096	33,766
KY	6,993	*7,058	7,169	7,014	7,036	7,071
LA	3,982	3,984	3,984	3,979	3,984	3,984
MD	8,504	8,416	8,554	8,736	*8,596	8,777
MS	18,861	19,043	19,312	19,540	19,249	19,018
NC	17,072	18,350	*17,792	17,451	17,725	17,587
OK	6,155	6,639	6,648	6,593	6,503	6,340
PA	3,886	3,758	3,892	*3,845	*3,778	3,970
SC	4,387	4,542	4,407	4,559	4,555	4,409
TX	14,794	14,386	14,822	14,487	14,980	15,001
VA	6,274	6,330	6,355	6,499	6,398	6,369
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,629	*18,185	17,468	18,016	*16,697	17,772
19 State Total	200,982	*207,843	*208,251	*209,817	*208,015	209,455
Previous Year Total	201,076	205,395	204,537	208,986	204,662	207,313
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	102	100	102	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 6 2004	Nov 13 2004	Nov 20 2004	Nov 27 2004	Dec 4 2004	Dec 11 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,375	19,177	20,257	20,715	20,604	22,434
AR	22,634	23,357	22,691	20,983	*24,740	23,661
DE	5,557	5,483	4,295	5,125	*5,267	5,706
FL	1,495	1,615	1,492	1,354	1,639	1,438
GA	25,097	24,802	25,011	26,718	26,637	26,171
KY	4,853	5,222	5,562	5,858	*5,869	5,957
LA	3,418	3,385	3,752	4,208	3,821	4,074
MD	4,402	4,454	6,049	5,417	*4,499	4,852
MS	16,207	16,357	15,402	16,631	16,887	17,334
NC	13,811	14,239	14,743	14,317	14,867	14,584
OK	5,459	4,719	4,250	4,956	4,423	5,020
PA	2,633	2,731	2,934	*2,907	*2,896	2,870
SC	3,897	3,530	4,112	3,664	4,267	3,817
TX	11,512	10,967	12,114	12,427	12,074	12,390
VA	5,028	5,113	4,759	4,913	5,561	5,178
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,631	16,059	15,624	16,578	*17,206	16,256
19 State Total	*162,009	161,210	163,047	*166,771	*171,257	171,742
Previous Year Total	153,618	155,123	156,626	164,561	167,566	166,640
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	104	104	101	102	103

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