



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 18, 2004. This was up 3 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 18, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through December 18, 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					
	Nov 13 2004	Nov 20 2004	Nov 27 2004	Dec 4 2004	Dec 11 2004	Dec 18 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,892	29,459	*29,400	29,704	29,432	29,952
AR	30,052	30,824	30,922	30,902	30,746	30,766
DE	3,464	3,574	3,815	3,473	3,854	3,887
FL	1,337	1,363	1,339	1,339	1,359	1,359
GA	33,407	32,628	*33,134	33,096	*33,550	33,998
KY	7,058	*7,250	7,014	7,036	*7,107	6,951
LA	3,984	3,984	3,979	3,984	3,984	3,984
MD	8,416	8,554	8,736	8,596	8,777	8,723
MS	19,043	19,312	*19,627	19,249	19,018	19,553
NC	18,350	17,792	17,451	17,725	17,587	18,185
OK	6,639	6,648	*6,693	6,503	*6,389	5,984
PA	3,758	3,892	*3,957	*3,803	*3,992	4,036
SC	4,542	4,407	4,559	4,555	4,409	4,485
TX	14,386	14,822	14,487	14,980	15,001	14,566
VA	6,330	6,355	6,499	6,398	6,369	6,408
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,185	*17,466	18,016	16,697	*18,092	18,056
19 State Total	207,843	*208,330	*209,628	*208,040	*209,666	210,893
Previous Year Total	205,395	204,537	208,986	204,662	207,313	205,549
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	100	102	101	103

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 13 2004	Nov 20 2004	Nov 27 2004	Dec 4 2004	Dec 11 2004	Dec 18 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,177	20,257	20,715	20,604	22,434	21,088
AR	23,357	22,691	20,983	24,740	*24,158	26,068
DE	5,483	4,295	5,125	5,267	5,706	5,570
FL	1,615	1,492	1,354	1,639	1,438	1,501
GA	24,802	25,011	*25,992	26,637	*25,214	26,668
KY	5,222	5,562	5,858	5,869	*6,091	6,215
LA	3,385	3,752	4,208	3,821	4,074	3,635
MD	4,454	6,049	5,417	4,499	4,852	5,265
MS	16,357	15,402	16,631	16,887	17,334	17,507
NC	14,239	14,743	14,317	14,867	14,584	14,244
OK	4,719	4,250	4,956	4,423	*5,564	5,288
PA	2,731	2,934	*2,945	*2,912	*2,963	2,857
SC	*4,709	4,112	3,664	4,267	3,817	4,423
TX	10,967	12,114	12,427	12,074	12,390	12,136
VA	5,113	4,759	4,913	5,561	5,178	5,249
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,059	15,624	16,578	17,206	*16,257	15,622
19 State Total	*162,389	163,047	*166,083	*171,273	*172,054	173,336
Previous Year Total	155,123	156,626	164,561	167,566	166,640	170,414
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	104	101	102	103	102

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