



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 25, 2004. This was up 2 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 25, 2004. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through December 25, 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 20 2004	Nov 27 2004	Dec 4 2004	Dec 11 2004	Dec 18 2004	Dec 25 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,459	29,400	29,704	29,432	29,952	29,390
AR	30,824	30,922	30,902	30,746	30,766	31,169
DE	3,574	3,815	*3,848	3,854	3,887	4,033
FL	1,363	1,339	1,339	1,359	*1,324	1,328
GA	32,628	33,134	33,096	33,550	33,998	33,818
KY	7,250	7,014	7,036	7,107	*7,023	6,454
LA	3,984	3,979	3,984	3,984	3,984	3,984
MD	8,554	8,736	8,596	8,777	8,723	8,767
MS	19,312	19,627	19,249	19,018	19,553	19,033
NC	17,792	17,451	*17,056	17,587	*18,188	18,262
OK	6,648	6,693	6,503	6,389	5,984	6,489
PA	3,892	3,957	3,803	*4,234	*4,078	4,038
SC	4,407	4,559	4,555	4,409	4,485	4,561
TX	14,822	14,487	14,980	15,001	14,566	15,070
VA	6,355	6,499	6,398	6,369	6,408	6,249
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,466	*18,015	16,697	18,092	*18,047	17,362
19 State Total	208,330	*209,627	*207,746	*209,908	*210,966	210,007
Previous Year Total	204,537	208,986	204,662	207,313	205,549	205,908
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	100	102	101	103	102

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 20 2004	Nov 27 2004	Dec 4 2004	Dec 11 2004	Dec 18 2004	Dec 25 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,257	20,715	20,604	22,434	21,088	21,939
AR	22,691	20,983	24,740	24,158	26,068	24,835
DE	4,295	5,125	5,267	*5,675	5,570	5,458
FL	1,492	1,354	1,639	1,438	1,501	1,418
GA	25,011	25,992	26,637	25,214	26,668	26,858
KY	5,562	5,858	5,869	6,091	*6,135	5,826
LA	3,752	4,208	3,821	4,074	*3,633	3,722
MD	6,049	5,417	4,499	*4,821	5,265	5,121
MS	15,402	16,631	16,887	17,334	17,507	16,738
NC	14,743	14,317	14,867	14,584	*14,228	14,257
OK	4,250	4,956	4,423	5,564	5,288	4,869
PA	2,934	2,945	2,912	*2,967	*2,831	2,647
SC	4,112	3,664	4,267	3,817	4,423	4,504
TX	12,114	12,427	12,074	12,390	12,136	12,544
VA	4,759	4,913	5,561	5,178	5,249	5,114
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,624	16,578	17,206	16,257	15,622	14,760
19 State Total	163,047	166,083	171,273	*171,996	*173,212	170,610
Previous Year Total	156,626	164,561	167,566	166,640	170,414	168,199
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	101	102	103	102	101

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