



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 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 1, 2005. This was up 2 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 1, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 27 2004	Dec 4 2004	Dec 11 2004	Dec 18 2004	Dec 25 2004	Jan 1 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,400	29,704	*29,155	29,952	29,390	29,541
AR	30,922	30,902	30,746	30,766	31,169	31,240
DE	3,815	3,848	3,854	3,887	4,033	3,800
FL	1,339	1,339	*1,339	1,324	1,328	1,330
GA	33,134	*33,278	33,550	33,998	33,818	33,822
KY	*7,073	*6,970	7,107	7,023	*6,145	7,366
LA	3,979	3,984	3,984	3,984	3,984	4,013
MD	8,736	8,596	8,777	8,723	8,767	8,715
MS	19,627	19,249	19,018	19,553	19,033	19,025
NC	17,451	17,056	*17,374	18,188	*18,354	17,893
OK	6,693	6,503	6,389	5,984	*6,529	6,474
PA	3,957	3,803	4,234	*4,100	*3,824	4,033
SC	4,559	*4,805	*4,610	*4,718	*4,800	4,761
TX	*14,489	*14,981	*15,002	*14,572	*15,076	14,871
VA	6,499	6,398	6,369	6,408	6,249	6,240
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,018	*16,702	*18,090	*18,052	*17,584	17,535
19 State Total	*209,691	*208,118	*209,598	*211,232	*210,083	210,659
Previous Year Total	208,986	204,662	207,313	205,549	205,908	205,672
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	102	101	103	102	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 27 2004	Dec 4 2004	Dec 11 2004	Dec 18 2004	Dec 25 2004	Jan 1 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,715	20,604	22,434	21,088	*21,363	21,191
AR	20,983	24,740	24,158	26,068	*25,011	24,071
DE	5,125	5,267	*5,684	5,570	*5,449	6,286
FL	1,354	1,639	1,438	1,501	1,418	1,532
GA	25,992	26,637	25,214	26,668	26,858	26,532
KY	5,858	5,869	6,091	*6,153	*5,903	5,818
LA	4,208	3,821	4,074	3,633	*3,716	3,801
MD	5,417	4,499	4,821	5,265	5,121	4,630
MS	16,631	16,887	17,334	17,507	*17,253	16,928
NC	14,317	14,867	14,584	14,228	*14,275	14,129
OK	4,956	4,423	5,564	5,288	*4,867	5,719
PA	2,945	2,912	2,967	*2,865	*2,717	3,039
SC	3,664	4,267	3,817	4,423	4,504	4,259
TX	12,427	*12,075	*12,391	*12,137	*12,545	12,517
VA	4,913	5,561	5,178	5,249	5,114	5,248
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,578	17,206	*16,244	*15,628	*16,058	16,621
19 State Total	166,083	*171,274	*171,993	*173,271	*172,172	172,321
Previous Year Total	164,561	167,566	166,640	170,414	168,199	168,268
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	103	102	102	102

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