



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 8, 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 8, 2005. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 26, 2004 through January 8, 2005 were 346 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 4 2004	Dec 11 2004	Dec 18 2004	Dec 25 2004	Jan 1 2005	Jan 8 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,704	29,155	*29,937	29,390	29,541	29,683
AR	30,902	30,746	30,766	31,169	31,240	31,479
DE	3,848	3,854	3,887	4,033	3,800	3,916
FL	1,339	1,339	1,324	1,328	1,330	1,324
GA	33,278	33,550	33,998	33,818	*33,823	33,667
KY	6,970	*7,084	7,023	6,145	*7,524	7,096
LA	3,984	3,984	3,984	3,984	4,013	3,997
MD	8,596	8,777	8,723	8,767	*8,712	8,745
MS	19,249	19,018	19,553	19,033	*19,056	19,527
NC	17,056	17,374	*18,121	18,354	17,893	17,933
OK	6,503	6,389	5,984	6,529	6,474	6,460
PA	3,803	4,234	4,100	3,824	*4,040	4,036
SC	4,805	4,610	4,718	4,800	4,761	4,875
TX	14,981	15,002	14,572	15,076	14,871	14,949
VA	6,398	6,369	6,408	6,249	6,240	6,300
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,698	*18,102	18,052	*17,588	*16,897	17,384
19 State Total	*208,114	*209,587	*211,150	*210,087	*210,215	211,371
Previous Year Total	204,662	207,313	205,549	205,908	205,672	206,529
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	103	102	102	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 4 2004	Dec 11 2004	Dec 18 2004	Dec 25 2004	Jan 1 2005	Jan 8 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,604	22,434	21,088	21,363	21,191	21,737
AR	24,740	24,158	26,068	25,011	*24,256	24,706
DE	5,267	5,684	5,570	5,449	*6,306	5,743
FL	1,639	1,438	1,501	1,418	1,532	1,505
GA	26,637	25,214	26,668	26,858	*26,900	27,351
KY	5,869	6,091	6,153	5,903	*5,837	5,923
LA	3,821	4,074	3,633	3,716	3,801	4,110
MD	4,499	4,821	5,265	5,121	*4,669	5,411
MS	16,887	17,334	17,507	17,253	*16,923	17,535
NC	14,867	14,584	14,228	14,275	14,129	14,502
OK	4,423	5,564	5,288	4,867	5,719	4,772
PA	2,912	2,967	2,865	2,717	*3,040	2,903
SC	4,267	3,817	4,423	4,504	*3,882	4,496
TX	12,075	12,391	12,137	12,545	12,517	12,135
VA	5,561	5,178	5,249	5,114	5,248	4,718
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,206	16,244	*15,629	*16,057	*16,527	15,959
19 State Total	171,274	171,993	*173,272	*172,171	*172,477	173,506
Previous Year Total	167,566	166,640	170,414	168,199	168,268	166,769
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	102	102	103	104

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