



# 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 January 15, 2005. This was up 1 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 15, 2005. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through January 15, 2005 were 346 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 11 2004	Dec 18 2004	Dec 25 2004	Jan 1 2005	Jan 8 2005	Jan 15 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,155	29,937	*29,245	29,541	29,683	29,216
AR	30,746	30,766	31,169	31,240	31,479	31,506
DE	3,854	3,887	4,033	3,800	3,916	3,644
FL	1,339	1,324	1,328	1,330	1,324	1,339
GA	*33,761	33,998	33,818	33,823	33,667	33,683
KY	7,084	*6,985	*6,163	7,524	*7,111	7,168
LA	3,984	3,984	3,984	4,013	3,997	4,014
MD	8,777	8,723	8,767	8,712	*8,754	8,790
MS	19,018	19,553	19,033	19,056	19,527	19,256
NC	17,374	18,121	*18,295	17,893	*17,907	17,657
OK	6,389	5,984	6,529	6,474	6,460	6,324
PA	4,234	4,100	3,824	*3,942	*3,803	3,995
SC	4,610	4,718	4,800	4,761	4,875	5,341
TX	15,002	14,572	15,076	14,871	14,949	13,672
VA	6,369	6,408	6,249	6,240	6,300	6,146
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,102	*18,051	17,588	16,897	*17,374	17,572
19 State Total	*209,798	*211,111	*209,901	*210,117	*211,126	209,323
Previous Year Total	207,313	205,549	205,908	205,672	206,529	206,764
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	103	102	102	102	101

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 11 2004	Dec 18 2004	Dec 25 2004	Jan 1 2005	Jan 8 2005	Jan 15 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,434	21,088	21,363	21,191	21,737	21,279
AR	24,158	26,068	25,011	24,256	*24,740	24,949
DE	5,684	5,570	5,449	6,306	*5,792	6,138
FL	1,438	1,501	1,418	1,532	1,505	1,554
GA	25,214	26,668	26,858	26,900	*27,303	26,682
KY	6,091	6,153	5,903	5,837	*5,717	5,281
LA	4,074	3,633	3,716	3,801	4,110	3,843
MD	4,821	5,265	5,121	4,669	*5,367	4,587
MS	17,334	17,507	17,253	16,923	*17,575	17,195
NC	14,584	14,228	*14,194	14,129	*14,503	14,989
OK	5,564	5,288	4,867	5,719	4,772	5,537
PA	2,967	2,865	2,717	*3,007	*2,985	2,037
SC	3,817	4,423	4,504	3,882	4,496	4,167
TX	12,391	12,137	12,545	12,517	12,135	12,574
VA	5,178	5,249	5,114	5,248	4,718	5,252
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,244	15,629	16,057	16,527	*16,060	16,051
19 State Total	171,993	173,272	*172,090	*172,444	*173,515	172,115
Previous Year Total	166,640	170,414	168,199	168,268	166,769	166,529
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	102	102	104	103

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