



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 January 22, 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 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 22, 2005. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through January 22, 2005 were 520 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 18 2004	Dec 25 2004	Jan 1 2005	Jan 8 2005	Jan 15 2005	Jan 22 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,937	29,245	*29,291	29,683	29,216	29,581
AR	30,766	31,169	*31,195	31,479	31,506	30,744
DE	3,887	4,033	3,800	3,916	*3,647	3,772
FL	1,324	1,328	1,330	1,324	1,339	1,338
GA	33,998	33,818	33,823	33,667	*33,386	32,850
KY	6,985	6,163	*7,599	7,111	*7,232	7,094
LA	3,984	3,984	4,013	3,997	4,014	3,984
MD	8,723	8,767	8,712	8,754	*8,763	8,147
MS	19,553	19,033	*18,976	19,527	19,256	19,709
NC	18,121	18,295	*18,320	17,907	17,657	17,830
OK	5,984	6,529	6,474	6,460	6,324	6,529
PA	4,100	3,824	3,942	3,803	*3,956	3,710
SC	4,718	4,800	4,761	4,875	5,341	5,068
TX	14,572	15,076	14,871	14,949	13,672	15,226
VA	6,408	6,249	6,240	6,300	6,146	6,370
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,051	17,588	16,897	17,374	*17,885	18,137
19 State Total	211,111	209,901	*210,244	211,126	*209,340	210,089
Previous Year Total	205,549	205,908	205,672	206,529	206,764	205,540
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	102	102	101	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 18 2004	Dec 25 2004	Jan 1 2005	Jan 8 2005	Jan 15 2005	Jan 22 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,088	21,363	21,191	21,737	21,279	21,188
AR	26,068	25,011	24,256	24,740	*25,886	24,832
DE	5,570	5,449	6,306	5,792	*6,111	5,353
FL	1,501	1,418	1,532	1,505	1,554	1,525
GA	26,668	26,858	26,900	27,303	*26,776	27,148
KY	6,153	5,903	5,837	5,717	*5,471	6,085
LA	3,633	3,716	3,801	4,110	3,843	3,819
MD	5,265	5,121	4,669	5,367	*4,624	5,299
MS	17,507	17,253	16,923	17,575	17,195	17,012
NC	14,228	14,194	14,129	14,503	14,989	14,473
OK	5,288	4,867	5,719	4,772	5,537	4,481
PA	2,865	*2,720	3,007	2,985	*2,942	2,912
SC	4,423	4,504	3,882	4,496	*4,011	4,134
TX	12,137	12,545	12,517	12,135	*12,735	12,461
VA	5,249	5,114	5,248	4,718	5,252	5,660
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,629	16,057	*16,530	16,060	*15,718	16,270
19 State Total	173,272	*172,093	*172,447	173,515	*173,923	172,652
Previous Year Total	170,414	168,199	168,268	166,769	166,529	165,515
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	104	104	104

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