



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 29, 2005. This was up 3 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 29, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through January 29, 2005 were 693 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 25 2004	Jan 1 2005	Jan 8 2005	Jan 15 2005	Jan 22 2005	Jan 29 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,245	29,291	*29,217	29,216	29,581	29,380
AR	31,169	31,195	31,479	31,506	30,744	31,023
DE	4,033	3,800	3,916	3,647	3,772	3,899
FL	1,328	1,330	1,324	1,339	1,338	1,338
GA	33,818	33,823	33,667	33,386	32,850	33,528
KY	6,163	7,599	*6,963	7,232	7,094	6,997
LA	3,984	4,013	3,997	4,014	3,984	3,984
MD	8,767	8,712	8,754	8,763	8,147	8,584
MS	19,033	18,976	19,527	19,256	19,709	19,770
NC	18,295	18,320	*17,738	17,657	17,830	18,143
OK	6,529	6,474	*6,379	6,324	*6,448	6,511
PA	3,824	3,942	*3,817	*3,972	*3,887	4,003
SC	4,800	4,761	4,875	5,341	5,068	4,956
TX	15,076	14,871	14,949	13,672	15,226	15,187
VA	6,249	6,240	6,300	6,146	6,370	6,542
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,588	16,897	17,374	17,885	*18,532	17,457
19 State Total	209,901	210,244	*210,276	*209,356	*210,580	211,302
Previous Year Total	205,908	205,672	206,529	206,764	205,540	204,460
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	101	102	103

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 25 2004	Jan 1 2005	Jan 8 2005	Jan 15 2005	Jan 22 2005	Jan 29 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,363	21,191	21,737	21,279	21,188	20,900
AR	25,011	24,256	24,740	25,886	*24,825	24,988
DE	5,449	6,306	5,792	6,111	5,353	4,776
FL	1,418	1,532	1,505	1,554	1,525	1,638
GA	26,858	26,900	27,303	26,776	27,148	26,891
KY	5,903	5,837	5,717	5,471	6,085	6,009
LA	3,716	3,801	4,110	3,843	3,819	4,025
MD	5,121	4,669	5,367	4,624	5,299	5,402
MS	17,253	16,923	17,575	17,195	17,012	17,634
NC	14,194	14,129	14,503	14,989	14,473	14,401
OK	4,867	5,719	*4,771	5,537	4,481	4,783
PA	2,720	3,007	*3,028	*2,864	*2,987	2,840
SC	4,504	3,882	4,496	4,011	4,134	3,854
TX	12,545	12,517	12,135	12,735	12,461	12,573
VA	5,114	5,248	4,718	5,252	5,660	5,703
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,057	16,530	16,060	15,718	*16,207	15,196
19 State Total	172,093	172,447	*173,557	*173,845	*172,657	171,613
Previous Year Total	168,199	168,268	166,769	166,529	165,515	168,098
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	104	104	104	102

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