



# 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 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 5, 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 84 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 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 5, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through February 5, 2005 were 865 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 1 2005	Jan 8 2005	Jan 15 2005	Jan 22 2005	Jan 29 2005	Feb 5 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,291	29,217	*29,428	29,581	29,380	30,003
AR	31,195	31,479	31,506	30,744	31,023	31,108
DE	3,800	3,916	3,647	3,772	3,899	3,916
FL	1,330	1,324	1,339	1,338	1,338	1,332
GA	33,823	33,667	33,386	32,850	33,528	33,908
KY	7,599	6,963	*7,250	7,094	*7,056	7,175
LA	4,013	3,997	4,014	3,984	3,984	3,984
MD	8,712	8,754	8,763	8,147	8,584	8,882
MS	18,976	19,527	19,256	19,709	19,770	19,693
NC	18,320	17,738	17,657	17,830	*18,069	18,278
OK	6,474	6,379	6,324	6,448	6,511	6,453
PA	3,942	3,817	3,972	3,887	4,003	4,053
SC	4,761	4,875	*5,041	5,068	4,956	5,142
TX	*14,870	*14,948	*13,800	*15,248	*15,209	15,107
VA	6,240	6,300	6,146	6,370	6,542	6,496
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,895	*17,331	*17,890	*18,537	*17,462	18,037
19 State Total	*210,241	*210,232	*209,419	*210,607	*211,314	213,567
Previous Year Total	205,672	206,529	206,764	205,540	204,460	206,642
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	101	102	103	103

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 1 2005	Jan 8 2005	Jan 15 2005	Jan 22 2005	Jan 29 2005	Feb 5 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,191	21,737	21,279	21,188	*20,840	21,171
AR	24,256	24,740	25,886	*24,907	*25,119	25,702
DE	6,306	5,792	6,111	5,353	4,776	5,402
FL	1,532	1,505	1,554	1,525	1,638	1,500
GA	*26,809	*27,202	*26,659	*27,060	*26,864	27,067
KY	5,837	5,717	5,471	6,085	*6,134	6,241
LA	3,801	4,110	3,843	3,819	4,025	3,915
MD	4,669	5,367	4,624	5,299	5,402	5,319
MS	16,923	17,575	17,195	17,012	17,634	17,559
NC	14,129	14,503	14,989	14,473	*14,411	14,540
OK	5,719	4,771	5,537	4,481	4,783	5,166
PA	3,007	3,028	2,864	2,987	*2,843	2,888
SC	3,882	4,496	4,011	4,134	3,854	4,152
TX	12,517	*12,134	*12,734	*12,460	12,573	11,658
VA	5,248	4,718	5,252	5,660	5,703	4,826
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,530	*16,066	*15,719	*16,209	*15,243	15,804
19 State Total	*172,356	*173,461	*173,728	*172,652	*171,842	172,910
Previous Year Total	168,268	166,769	166,529	165,515	168,098	168,937
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	104	104	104	102	102

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