



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 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 19, 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 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 19, 2005. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through February 19, 2005 were 1.22 billion, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 15 2005	Jan 22 2005	Jan 29 2005	Feb 5 2005	Feb 12 2005	Feb 19 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,428	29,956	*30,340	30,003	29,976	30,075
AR	31,506	*30,998	31,023	31,088	31,083	31,217
DE	3,647	3,772	3,898	3,916	3,929	3,927
FL	1,339	1,338	*1,368	1,332	1,343	1,359
GA	33,386	32,913	*33,689	33,908	33,521	33,448
KY	7,250	*7,059	7,056	7,175	7,237	7,226
LA	4,014	3,984	3,984	3,984	4,044	4,044
MD	8,763	8,147	8,584	8,882	8,900	8,947
MS	19,256	19,830	19,770	19,693	19,558	19,465
NC	17,782	18,144	*18,376	18,278	18,623	18,651
OK	6,324	6,448	6,511	6,453	6,467	6,306
PA	3,972	3,887	4,001	4,060	*4,065	4,051
SC	5,041	5,068	4,956	5,142	5,316	5,180
TX	13,800	15,248	15,209	15,107	15,131	15,202
VA	6,146	6,370	6,542	6,496	5,980	6,424
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,890	18,538	17,499	17,995	*18,379	17,833
19 State Total	209,544	*211,700	*212,806	213,512	*213,552	213,355
Previous Year Total	206,764	205,540	204,460	206,642	208,421	209,844
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	103	104	103	102	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 15 2005	Jan 22 2005	Jan 29 2005	Feb 5 2005	Feb 12 2005	Feb 19 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,279	21,188	20,840	*21,150	21,630	21,582
AR	25,886	24,907	25,119	25,702	24,929	25,078
DE	6,111	5,353	5,294	5,402	*5,314	5,222
FL	1,554	1,525	1,638	1,500	1,500	1,540
GA	26,659	27,060	26,864	27,067	26,377	26,820
KY	5,476	6,090	6,139	6,246	*6,347	6,034
LA	3,843	3,819	4,025	3,915	3,830	3,814
MD	4,624	5,299	4,194	5,319	*4,745	5,514
MS	17,195	17,012	17,634	17,559	18,184	17,890
NC	14,989	14,465	14,411	14,540	14,668	14,893
OK	5,537	4,481	4,783	5,165	5,258	5,065
PA	2,864	2,987	2,909	2,963	*2,878	3,017
SC	4,011	4,134	3,854	4,152	4,722	4,560
TX	12,734	12,460	12,640	11,659	12,813	12,766
VA	5,252	5,660	5,703	4,826	5,385	5,220
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,719	16,209	15,264	15,775	*17,003	16,491
19 State Total	173,733	172,649	171,311	*172,940	*175,583	175,506
Previous Year Total	166,529	165,515	168,098	168,937	167,265	167,390
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	102	102	105	105

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