



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 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 26, 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 26, 2005. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through February 26, 2005 were 1.39 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 22 2005	Jan 29 2005	Feb 5 2005	Feb 12 2005	Feb 19 2005	Feb 26 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,956	30,340	*30,031	29,976	30,075	29,756
AR	*30,971	31,023	*30,987	31,083	31,217	31,259
DE	3,772	3,898	3,916	3,929	3,927	3,929
FL	1,338	1,368	*1,357	1,343	1,359	1,357
GA	32,913	33,689	33,908	33,521	33,448	33,642
KY	7,059	*6,876	7,175	7,237	*7,281	7,392
LA	3,984	3,984	3,984	4,044	4,044	4,043
MD	8,147	8,584	8,882	8,900	8,947	8,931
MS	19,830	19,770	19,693	19,558	19,465	19,277
NC	18,144	18,376	*18,196	18,623	18,651	18,208
OK	6,448	6,511	6,453	6,467	6,306	6,364
PA	3,887	4,001	4,060	4,065	*4,143	4,096
SC	5,068	4,956	5,142	5,316	5,180	5,279
TX	15,248	15,209	15,107	15,131	15,202	15,235
VA	6,370	6,542	6,496	5,980	6,424	6,528
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,538	*17,500	17,995	18,379	*18,040	17,904
19 State Total	*211,673	*212,627	*213,382	213,552	*213,709	213,200
Previous Year Total	205,540	204,460	206,642	208,421	209,844	210,864
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	103	102	102	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 22 2005	Jan 29 2005	Feb 5 2005	Feb 12 2005	Feb 19 2005	Feb 26 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,188	20,840	21,150	21,630	21,582	21,723
AR	24,907	25,119	25,702	24,929	*25,110	24,569
DE	5,353	5,294	5,402	5,314	5,222	5,408
FL	1,525	1,638	1,500	1,500	1,540	1,437
GA	27,060	26,864	27,067	26,377	*26,777	27,102
KY	*6,120	*6,168	*6,275	*6,305	*6,368	6,319
LA	3,819	4,025	3,915	3,830	3,814	3,746
MD	5,299	4,194	5,319	4,745	5,514	4,653
MS	17,012	17,634	17,559	18,184	17,890	17,963
NC	14,465	14,411	14,540	14,668	14,893	14,567
OK	4,481	4,783	5,165	5,258	5,065	5,560
PA	2,987	2,909	2,963	2,878	*3,036	2,995
SC	4,134	3,854	4,152	4,722	4,560	4,449
TX	12,460	12,640	11,659	12,813	12,766	12,712
VA	5,660	5,703	4,826	5,385	5,220	5,372
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,209	15,264	15,775	17,003	*16,455	17,109
19 State Total	*172,679	*171,340	*172,969	*175,541	*175,812	175,684
Previous Year Total	165,515	168,098	168,937	167,265	167,390	168,319
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	102	102	105	105	104

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