



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 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 5, 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 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 5, 2005. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through March 5, 2005 were 1.57 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 29 2005	Feb 5 2005	Feb 12 2005	Feb 19 2005	Feb 26 2005	Mar 5 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,340	30,031	*30,343	30,075	*29,754	30,331
AR	31,023	30,987	*31,020	31,217	31,259	31,198
DE	3,898	3,916	3,929	3,927	3,929	3,955
FL	1,368	1,357	1,343	1,359	1,357	1,358
GA	33,689	33,908	33,521	33,448	*33,611	33,214
KY	6,876	*7,078	7,237	7,281	7,392	7,191
LA	3,984	3,984	4,044	4,044	4,043	4,044
MD	8,584	8,882	8,900	8,947	8,931	8,972
MS	19,770	19,693	19,558	19,465	19,277	19,314
NC	18,376	18,196	*18,637	18,651	*18,202	18,870
OK	6,511	6,453	6,467	6,306	*6,426	6,386
PA	4,001	4,060	4,065	*4,278	*3,881	4,039
SC	4,956	5,142	5,316	*5,167	5,279	6,073
TX	*15,212	*15,109	*15,135	*15,207	*15,240	15,155
VA	6,542	6,496	*6,494	6,424	6,528	6,525
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,500	*17,996	18,379	18,040	*17,937	18,392
19 State Total	*212,630	*213,288	*214,388	*213,836	*213,046	215,017
Previous Year Total	204,460	206,642	208,421	209,844	210,864	210,313
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	103	103	102	101	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 29 2005	Feb 5 2005	Feb 12 2005	Feb 19 2005	Feb 26 2005	Mar 5 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,840	21,150	21,630	21,582	*21,639	21,620
AR	25,119	25,702	24,929	25,110	*24,831	24,076
DE	5,294	5,402	5,314	*5,039	*6,723	5,948
FL	1,638	1,500	1,500	1,540	1,437	1,503
GA	26,864	27,067	26,377	26,777	*27,162	27,631
KY	6,168	6,275	6,305	6,368	*6,286	6,262
LA	4,025	3,915	3,830	3,814	3,746	3,581
MD	4,194	5,319	4,745	*5,697	*4,214	5,122
MS	17,634	17,559	18,184	17,890	17,963	17,817
NC	14,411	14,540	14,668	14,893	*14,556	15,140
OK	4,783	5,165	5,258	5,065	5,560	6,359
PA	2,909	2,963	2,878	*3,104	*3,166	3,029
SC	3,854	4,152	4,722	4,560	4,449	3,957
TX	12,640	*11,661	*12,814	*12,768	*12,714	12,739
VA	5,703	4,826	5,385	5,220	5,372	4,898
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,264	*15,774	17,003	16,455	*17,108	17,343
19 State Total	171,340	*172,970	*175,542	*175,882	*176,926	177,025
Previous Year Total	168,098	168,937	167,265	167,390	168,319	169,208
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	105	105	105	105

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