



# 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 March 12, 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 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## Broiler Chicks Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 12, 2005. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through March 12, 2005 were 1.75 billion, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 5 2005	Feb 12 2005	Feb 19 2005	Feb 26 2005	Mar 5 2005	Mar 12 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,031	30,343	*30,346	29,754	30,331	30,074
AR	30,987	31,020	*31,179	31,259	31,198	30,867
DE	3,916	3,929	3,927	3,929	3,955	3,906
FL	1,357	1,343	1,359	1,357	1,358	1,359
GA	33,908	33,521	*33,449	33,611	*33,030	33,375
KY	7,078	*7,221	*7,276	7,392	*7,265	6,995
LA	3,984	4,044	4,044	4,043	4,044	4,044
MD	8,882	8,900	8,947	8,931	8,972	8,977
MS	19,693	19,558	19,465	19,277	19,314	19,465
NC	18,196	18,637	*18,474	18,202	18,870	18,682
OK	6,453	6,467	6,306	6,426	6,386	6,346
PA	4,060	4,065	4,278	3,881	*3,982	4,010
SC	5,142	5,316	5,167	5,279	*5,281	5,283
TX	15,109	15,135	15,207	15,240	15,155	15,119
VA	6,496	*5,980	6,424	6,528	6,525	6,554
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,942	*18,351	*18,012	*17,909	*18,414	18,007
19 State Total	*213,234	*213,830	*213,860	*213,018	*214,080	213,063
Previous Year Total	206,642	208,421	209,844	210,864	210,313	210,601
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	102	101	102	101

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 5 2005	Feb 12 2005	Feb 19 2005	Feb 26 2005	Mar 5 2005	Mar 12 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,150	21,630	21,582	21,639	21,620	21,525
AR	25,702	24,929	25,110	24,831	*24,187	24,141
DE	5,402	5,314	5,039	6,723	5,948	6,085
FL	1,500	1,500	1,540	1,437	1,503	1,305
GA	27,067	26,377	26,777	27,162	*27,700	27,155
KY	6,275	6,305	6,368	6,286	*5,679	6,242
LA	3,915	3,830	3,814	3,746	3,581	4,140
MD	5,319	4,745	5,697	4,214	5,122	4,921
MS	17,559	18,184	17,890	17,963	17,817	17,544
NC	14,540	14,668	14,893	14,556	15,140	14,881
OK	5,165	5,258	5,065	5,560	6,359	5,452
PA	2,963	2,878	3,104	3,166	*3,007	3,088
SC	4,152	4,722	4,560	4,449	3,957	4,633
TX	11,661	12,814	12,768	12,714	12,739	12,897
VA	4,826	5,385	5,220	5,372	*4,447	4,997
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,732	*16,965	16,455	17,108	*17,270	17,607
19 State Total	*172,928	*175,504	175,882	176,926	*176,076	176,613
Previous Year Total	168,937	167,265	167,390	168,319	169,208	170,698
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	105	105	105	104	103

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