



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 19, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 19, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through March 19, 2005 were 1.92 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 12 2005	Feb 19 2005	Feb 26 2005	Mar 5 2005	Mar 12 2005	Mar 19 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,343	*30,422	*30,476	30,331	30,074	29,970
AR	31,020	31,179	*31,285	31,198	30,867	30,657
DE	3,929	3,927	3,929	3,955	3,906	4,071
FL	1,343	1,359	1,357	1,358	1,359	1,358
GA	33,521	33,449	33,611	33,030	33,375	33,381
KY	7,221	7,276	*7,298	7,265	*7,049	6,735
LA	4,044	4,044	4,043	4,044	*4,075	4,135
MD	8,900	8,947	8,931	8,972	8,977	8,978
MS	19,558	19,465	19,277	19,314	19,465	19,617
NC	18,637	18,474	*18,549	18,870	18,682	18,818
OK	6,467	*6,266	6,426	6,386	*6,508	6,285
PA	4,065	4,278	*3,899	*4,036	*4,286	4,073
SC	5,316	5,167	5,279	5,281	5,283	5,247
TX	15,135	15,207	15,240	15,155	15,119	15,094
VA	5,980	6,424	6,528	6,525	6,554	6,748
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,351	*18,013	17,909	18,414	*17,881	17,660
19 State Total	213,830	*213,897	*214,037	*214,134	*213,460	212,827
Previous Year Total	208,421	209,844	210,864	210,313	210,601	210,144
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	102	102	101	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 12 2005	Feb 19 2005	Feb 26 2005	Mar 5 2005	Mar 12 2005	Mar 19 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,630	21,582	21,639	21,620	21,525	21,507
AR	24,929	25,110	24,831	24,187	*24,126	25,842
DE	5,314	5,039	6,723	5,948	6,085	5,819
FL	1,500	1,540	1,437	1,503	1,305	1,483
GA	26,377	26,777	27,162	*27,800	27,155	27,427
KY	6,305	6,368	6,286	5,679	*6,485	6,131
LA	3,830	3,814	3,746	3,581	*4,101	3,514
MD	4,745	5,697	4,214	5,122	4,921	4,899
MS	18,184	17,890	17,963	17,817	17,544	17,492
NC	14,668	14,893	14,556	15,140	14,881	15,097
OK	5,258	5,065	5,560	6,359	5,452	5,214
PA	2,878	3,104	*3,146	*3,108	*3,078	2,813
SC	4,722	4,560	4,449	3,957	4,633	4,277
TX	12,814	12,768	12,714	12,739	12,897	12,897
VA	5,385	5,220	5,372	4,447	4,997	5,401
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,965	*16,405	17,108	17,270	*17,594	16,202
19 State Total	175,504	*175,832	*176,906	*176,277	*176,779	176,015
Previous Year Total	167,265	167,390	168,319	169,208	170,698	171,783
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	105	105	104	104	102

* Revised