



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 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 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 26, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through March 26, 2005 were 2.10 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 19 2005	Feb 26 2005	Mar 5 2005	Mar 12 2005	Mar 19 2005	Mar 26 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,422	30,476	*30,684	30,074	29,970	30,671
AR	31,179	31,285	31,198	30,867	30,657	30,173
DE	3,927	3,929	3,955	3,906	4,071	3,810
FL	1,359	1,357	1,358	1,359	1,358	1,359
GA	33,449	*33,576	*33,219	33,375	*33,439	32,855
KY	7,276	7,298	7,265	7,049	*6,698	6,901
LA	4,044	4,043	4,044	4,075	4,135	4,133
MD	8,947	8,931	8,972	8,977	*8,981	8,854
MS	19,465	19,277	19,314	19,465	19,617	19,665
NC	18,474	18,549	*18,885	18,682	18,818	18,844
OK	6,266	6,426	6,386	6,508	6,285	6,728
PA	4,278	3,899	4,036	4,286	*4,046	4,061
SC	5,167	5,279	5,281	5,283	5,247	5,275
TX	15,207	15,240	15,155	15,119	15,094	15,121
VA	6,424	6,528	6,525	6,554	*6,778	6,749
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,013	*17,910	18,414	17,881	*17,770	18,300
19 State Total	213,897	*214,003	*214,691	213,460	*212,964	213,499
Previous Year Total	209,844	210,864	210,313	210,601	210,144	211,188
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	102	101	101	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 19 2005	Feb 26 2005	Mar 5 2005	Mar 12 2005	Mar 19 2005	Mar 26 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,582	21,639	21,620	21,525	21,507	21,502
AR	25,110	24,831	24,187	24,126	*26,004	24,251
DE	5,039	6,723	5,948	6,085	*5,964	5,487
FL	1,540	1,437	1,503	1,305	1,483	1,545
GA	*26,814	*27,102	27,800	27,155	*27,484	27,538
KY	6,368	6,286	5,679	6,485	*5,824	6,157
LA	3,814	3,746	3,581	4,101	3,514	4,227
MD	5,697	4,214	5,122	4,921	*4,785	5,433
MS	17,890	17,963	17,817	17,544	17,492	17,609
NC	14,893	14,556	15,140	14,881	15,097	15,337
OK	5,065	5,560	6,359	5,452	5,214	5,127
PA	3,104	3,146	3,108	3,078	*2,877	2,943
SC	4,560	4,449	3,957	4,633	4,277	3,753
TX	12,768	12,714	12,739	12,897	12,897	12,882
VA	5,220	5,372	4,447	4,997	*5,523	5,442
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,405	17,108	17,270	17,594	*16,271	16,707
19 State Total	*175,869	*176,846	176,277	176,779	*176,213	175,940
Previous Year Total	167,390	168,319	169,208	170,698	171,783	172,347
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	105	104	104	103	102

* Revised