



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 2, 2005. This was up slightly 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 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 2, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through April 2, 2005 were 2.28 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 26 2005	Mar 5 2005	Mar 12 2005	Mar 19 2005	Mar 26 2005	Apr 2 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,476	30,684	*30,029	29,970	30,671	30,740
AR	31,285	31,198	*30,893	30,657	30,173	30,537
DE	3,929	3,955	3,906	4,071	*3,809	3,943
FL	1,357	1,358	1,359	1,358	1,359	1,356
GA	33,576	33,219	33,375	33,439	32,855	31,702
KY	7,298	*7,346	*7,177	6,698	*6,876	7,257
LA	4,043	4,044	4,075	4,135	4,133	4,165
MD	8,931	8,972	8,977	8,981	*8,858	8,566
MS	19,277	19,314	19,465	19,617	19,665	19,539
NC	18,549	18,885	*18,766	18,818	18,844	18,628
OK	6,426	6,386	6,508	6,285	*6,810	6,187
PA	3,899	4,036	4,286	4,046	*3,987	4,063
SC	5,279	5,281	5,283	5,247	5,275	5,196
TX	*15,251	*15,166	*15,130	*15,080	*15,108	15,403
VA	6,528	6,525	6,554	6,778	6,749	6,678
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,885	*18,381	*17,846	*17,750	*18,295	18,228
19 State Total	*213,989	*214,750	*213,629	*212,930	*213,467	212,188
Previous Year Total	210,864	210,313	210,601	210,144	211,188	211,621
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	101	101	101	100

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 26 2005	Mar 5 2005	Mar 12 2005	Mar 19 2005	Mar 26 2005	Apr 2 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,639	21,620	21,525	21,507	21,502	21,408
AR	24,831	24,187	24,126	26,004	*24,483	25,665
DE	6,723	5,948	6,085	5,964	*5,408	4,962
FL	1,437	1,503	1,305	1,483	1,545	1,560
GA	27,102	27,800	27,155	27,484	*27,635	27,362
KY	6,286	5,679	6,485	5,824	*6,064	6,058
LA	3,746	3,581	4,101	3,514	4,227	3,834
MD	4,214	5,122	4,921	4,785	*5,529	5,763
MS	17,963	17,817	17,544	17,492	*17,543	17,641
NC	14,556	15,140	14,881	15,097	15,337	15,148
OK	5,560	6,359	5,452	5,214	5,127	5,163
PA	3,146	3,108	3,078	2,877	*3,113	3,182
SC	4,449	3,957	4,633	4,277	3,753	4,232
TX	*12,715	*12,748	*12,906	*12,957	*12,891	12,885
VA	5,372	4,447	4,997	5,523	5,442	5,498
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,060	*17,246	*17,578	*16,252	*17,239	16,538
19 State Total	*176,799	*176,262	*176,772	*176,254	*176,838	176,899
Previous Year Total	168,319	169,208	170,698	171,783	172,347	173,152
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	104	104	103	103	102

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