



# 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 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 9, 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 April 9, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through April 9, 2005 were 2.45 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 5 2005	Mar 12 2005	Mar 19 2005	Mar 26 2005	Apr 2 2005	Apr 9 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,684	30,029	*30,143	30,671	30,740	30,445
AR	31,198	30,893	*30,683	30,173	30,537	31,153
DE	3,955	3,906	4,071	3,809	3,943	4,031
FL	1,358	1,359	1,358	1,359	1,356	1,353
GA	33,219	33,375	33,439	32,855	31,702	33,111
KY	7,346	7,177	6,698	6,876	*7,183	7,254
LA	4,044	4,075	4,135	4,133	4,165	4,165
MD	8,972	8,977	8,981	8,858	8,566	8,782
MS	19,314	19,465	19,617	19,665	19,539	18,866
NC	18,885	18,766	*18,893	18,844	18,628	18,888
OK	6,386	6,508	6,285	6,810	6,187	6,627
PA	4,036	4,286	*4,051	*3,886	*4,048	4,209
SC	5,281	5,283	5,247	5,275	5,196	5,106
TX	15,166	15,130	15,080	15,108	15,403	15,480
VA	6,525	6,554	6,778	6,749	6,678	6,601
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,381	17,846	17,750	18,295	18,228	18,701
19 State Total	214,750	213,629	*213,209	*213,366	*212,099	214,772
Previous Year Total	210,313	210,601	210,144	211,188	211,621	212,729
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	101	101	100	101

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 5 2005	Mar 12 2005	Mar 19 2005	Mar 26 2005	Apr 2 2005	Apr 9 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,620	21,525	21,507	21,502	21,408	21,072
AR	24,187	24,126	26,004	24,483	25,665	24,086
DE	5,948	6,085	5,964	5,408	4,962	5,544
FL	1,503	1,305	1,483	1,545	1,560	1,699
GA	27,800	27,155	27,484	27,635	27,362	27,040
KY	5,679	6,485	5,824	6,064	*6,051	5,425
LA	3,581	4,101	3,514	4,227	3,834	3,871
MD	5,122	4,921	4,785	5,529	5,763	5,311
MS	17,817	17,544	17,492	17,543	17,641	17,940
NC	15,140	14,881	15,097	15,337	15,148	15,361
OK	6,359	5,452	5,214	5,127	5,163	5,362
PA	3,108	3,078	*2,858	*3,115	*3,106	2,956
SC	3,957	4,633	4,277	3,753	4,232	4,512
TX	12,748	12,906	12,957	12,891	12,885	12,910
VA	4,447	4,997	5,523	5,442	*5,320	5,703
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,251	17,578	16,252	17,239	*16,543	16,780
19 State Total	*176,267	176,772	*176,235	*176,840	*176,643	175,572
Previous Year Total	169,208	170,698	171,783	172,347	173,152	171,903
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	103	103	102	102

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