



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 16, 2005. This was down 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 16, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through April 16, 2005 were 2.63 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 12 2005	Mar 19 2005	Mar 26 2005	Apr 2 2005	Apr 9 2005	Apr 16 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,029	30,143	*30,307	30,740	30,445	29,672
AR	30,893	30,683	*30,196	30,537	31,153	30,994
DE	3,906	4,071	3,809	3,943	4,031	3,902
FL	1,359	1,358	1,359	1,356	1,353	1,344
GA	33,375	33,439	32,855	31,702	*33,221	33,573
KY	7,177	*6,628	*6,751	7,183	*7,338	7,263
LA	4,075	4,135	4,133	4,165	4,165	4,165
MD	8,977	8,981	8,858	8,566	*9,010	8,884
MS	19,465	19,617	19,665	19,539	18,866	18,524
NC	18,766	18,893	*18,763	18,628	18,888	18,702
OK	6,508	6,285	6,810	*6,289	*6,465	6,507
PA	4,286	4,051	3,886	4,048	4,209	4,164
SC	5,283	5,247	5,275	5,196	5,106	5,205
TX	15,130	15,080	15,108	15,403	15,480	15,470
VA	6,554	6,778	6,749	6,678	6,601	6,515
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,846	*17,746	18,295	18,228	*18,735	18,872
19 State Total	213,629	*213,135	*212,819	*212,201	*215,066	213,756
Previous Year Total	210,506	210,216	211,237	211,680	212,808	214,388
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	101	100	101	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 12 2005	Mar 19 2005	Mar 26 2005	Apr 2 2005	Apr 9 2005	Apr 16 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,525	21,507	21,502	21,408	*21,769	21,842
AR	24,126	26,004	24,483	25,665	*24,245	24,090
DE	6,085	5,964	5,408	4,962	*6,033	5,788
FL	1,305	1,483	1,545	1,560	1,699	1,488
GA	27,155	27,484	27,635	27,362	*27,006	26,939
KY	6,485	5,824	6,064	6,051	*5,517	6,138
LA	4,101	3,514	4,227	3,834	3,871	3,653
MD	4,921	4,785	5,529	5,763	*5,207	4,988
MS	17,544	17,492	17,543	17,641	17,940	17,960
NC	14,881	15,097	15,337	15,148	15,361	15,174
OK	5,452	5,214	5,127	*5,164	5,362	5,075
PA	3,078	2,858	3,115	3,106	2,956	2,887
SC	4,633	4,277	3,753	4,232	4,512	4,156
TX	12,906	12,957	12,891	12,885	12,910	12,897
VA	4,997	5,523	5,442	5,320	*5,364	5,676
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,578	16,252	17,239	16,543	*16,909	17,867
19 State Total	176,772	176,235	176,840	*176,644	*176,661	176,618
Previous Year Total	171,494	172,291	172,510	172,652	172,145	173,941
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	103	102	103	102

* Revised