



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 23, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 23, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through April 23, 2005 were 2.80 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 19 2005	Mar 26 2005	Apr 2 2005	Apr 9 2005	Apr 16 2005	Apr 23 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,143	30,307	*30,940	30,445	29,672	30,310
AR	30,683	30,196	30,537	31,153	30,994	31,203
DE	4,071	3,809	3,943	4,031	3,902	4,044
FL	1,358	1,359	1,356	1,353	1,344	1,354
GA	33,439	32,855	31,702	33,221	33,573	33,448
KY	6,628	6,751	7,183	7,338	7,263	6,699
LA	4,135	4,133	4,165	4,165	4,165	4,165
MD	8,981	8,858	8,566	9,010	8,884	8,981
MS	19,617	19,665	19,539	18,866	18,524	18,886
NC	18,893	18,763	*18,755	18,888	18,702	19,106
OK	6,285	6,810	6,289	6,465	6,507	6,649
PA	4,051	3,886	4,048	*4,173	*4,148	4,092
SC	5,247	5,275	5,196	5,106	5,205	5,010
TX	15,080	15,108	15,403	15,480	15,470	15,526
VA	6,778	6,749	6,678	6,601	6,515	6,602
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,746	18,295	18,228	18,735	*18,771	17,959
19 State Total	213,135	212,819	*212,528	*215,030	*213,639	214,034
Previous Year Total	210,216	211,237	211,680	212,808	214,388	213,217
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	100	101	100	100

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 19 2005	Mar 26 2005	Apr 2 2005	Apr 9 2005	Apr 16 2005	Apr 23 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,507	21,502	21,408	21,769	21,842	22,081
AR	26,004	24,483	*25,689	24,245	24,090	24,641
DE	5,964	5,408	4,962	6,033	5,788	5,557
FL	1,483	1,545	1,560	1,699	1,488	1,504
GA	27,484	27,635	27,362	27,006	*26,971	25,778
KY	5,824	6,064	6,051	5,517	*6,096	6,319
LA	3,514	4,227	3,834	3,871	3,653	3,605
MD	4,785	5,529	5,763	5,207	4,988	5,212
MS	17,492	17,543	17,641	17,940	17,960	17,764
NC	15,097	15,337	15,148	15,361	15,174	15,365
OK	5,214	5,127	5,164	5,362	5,075	4,425
PA	2,858	3,115	3,106	*3,047	*2,975	3,014
SC	4,277	3,753	4,232	4,512	*4,602	4,271
TX	12,957	12,891	12,885	12,910	12,897	13,311
VA	5,523	5,442	5,320	5,364	5,676	5,353
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,252	17,239	16,543	16,909	*17,870	17,087
19 State Total	176,235	176,840	*176,668	*176,752	*177,145	175,287
Previous Year Total	172,291	172,510	172,652	172,145	173,941	173,669
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	102	103	102	101

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