



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 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 30, 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 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 30, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through April 30, 2005 were 2.98 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 26 2005	Apr 2 2005	Apr 9 2005	Apr 16 2005	Apr 23 2005	Apr 30 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,307	30,940	*31,723	29,672	30,310	31,577
AR	30,196	30,537	31,153	30,994	31,203	30,826
DE	3,809	3,943	4,031	3,902	4,044	3,786
FL	1,359	1,356	1,353	1,344	1,354	1,342
GA	32,855	31,702	*33,445	33,573	33,448	33,389
KY	6,751	*7,054	*7,528	7,263	6,699	6,832
LA	4,133	4,165	4,165	4,165	4,165	4,041
MD	8,858	8,566	9,010	8,884	8,981	8,876
MS	19,665	19,539	18,866	18,524	18,886	18,780
NC	18,763	18,755	*19,233	18,702	*19,058	19,183
OK	6,810	6,289	6,465	6,507	6,649	6,265
PA	3,886	4,048	4,173	4,148	*4,082	4,064
SC	5,275	5,196	5,106	5,205	5,010	5,192
TX	15,108	15,403	15,480	15,470	15,526	15,510
VA	6,749	6,678	6,601	6,515	6,602	6,677
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,295	*18,229	18,735	18,771	*18,036	18,156
19 State Total	212,819	*212,400	*217,067	213,639	*214,053	214,496
Previous Year Total	211,237	211,680	212,808	214,388	213,217	212,646
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	102	100	100	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 26 2005	Apr 2 2005	Apr 9 2005	Apr 16 2005	Apr 23 2005	Apr 30 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,502	21,408	21,769	21,842	22,081	22,253
AR	24,483	25,689	24,245	24,090	*24,649	23,635
DE	5,408	4,962	6,033	5,788	5,557	5,681
FL	1,545	1,560	1,699	1,488	1,504	1,616
GA	27,635	27,362	27,006	26,971	25,778	27,137
KY	6,064	6,051	5,517	6,096	*6,264	6,359
LA	4,227	3,834	3,871	3,653	3,605	3,954
MD	5,529	5,763	5,207	4,988	5,212	5,762
MS	17,543	17,641	17,940	17,960	17,764	17,422
NC	15,337	15,148	15,361	15,174	*15,381	15,302
OK	5,127	5,164	5,362	5,075	4,425	5,933
PA	3,115	3,106	3,047	2,975	*3,067	3,110
SC	3,753	4,232	4,512	4,602	4,271	4,544
TX	12,891	12,885	12,910	12,897	13,311	13,121
VA	5,442	5,320	5,364	5,676	5,353	4,999
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,242	*16,546	*16,912	*17,874	*17,338	17,948
19 State Total	*176,843	*176,671	*176,755	*177,149	*175,560	178,776
Previous Year Total	172,510	172,652	172,145	173,941	173,669	174,862
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	103	102	101	102

* Revised