



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 May 7, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 7, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through May 7, 2005 were 3.16 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 2 2005	Apr 9 2005	Apr 16 2005	Apr 23 2005	Apr 30 2005	May 7 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,940	31,723	*31,020	30,310	31,577	31,405
AR	30,537	31,153	*30,997	31,203	30,826	31,488
DE	3,943	4,031	3,902	4,044	3,786	3,956
FL	1,356	1,353	1,344	1,354	1,342	1,344
GA	31,702	33,445	33,573	33,448	*33,214	32,539
KY	7,054	*7,564	7,263	*6,704	*6,869	7,357
LA	4,165	4,165	4,165	4,165	4,041	4,102
MD	8,566	9,010	8,884	8,981	8,876	8,869
MS	19,539	18,866	18,524	18,886	18,780	18,947
NC	18,755	19,233	*18,877	19,058	*19,124	18,753
OK	6,289	6,465	6,507	6,649	6,265	6,102
PA	4,048	4,173	4,148	*4,003	*4,108	4,114
SC	5,196	5,106	5,205	5,010	5,192	4,983
TX	*15,428	*15,505	*15,486	*15,542	*15,527	15,553
VA	6,678	6,601	6,515	6,602	6,677	6,495
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,229	18,735	18,771	*17,853	*18,193	18,196
19 State Total	*212,425	*217,128	*215,181	*213,812	*214,397	214,203
Previous Year Total	211,680	212,808	214,388	213,217	212,646	212,957
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	102	100	100	101	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 2 2005	Apr 9 2005	Apr 16 2005	Apr 23 2005	Apr 30 2005	May 7 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,408	21,769	21,842	22,081	22,253	21,625
AR	25,689	24,245	24,090	*24,829	*23,759	25,505
DE	4,962	6,033	5,788	5,557	5,681	5,192
FL	1,560	1,699	1,488	1,504	1,616	1,363
GA	27,362	27,006	26,971	*25,781	*27,183	28,445
KY	6,051	5,517	6,096	*6,446	*6,348	5,719
LA	3,834	3,871	3,653	3,605	3,954	3,934
MD	5,763	5,207	4,988	5,212	5,762	5,907
MS	17,641	17,940	17,960	*17,749	*17,421	17,014
NC	15,148	15,361	15,174	15,381	15,302	15,624
OK	5,164	5,362	5,075	4,425	5,933	5,520
PA	3,106	3,047	2,975	*3,053	*3,118	3,073
SC	4,232	4,512	4,602	4,271	4,544	3,572
TX	12,885	*12,930	*12,917	*13,231	*13,141	13,070
VA	5,320	5,364	5,676	5,353	4,999	5,144
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,546	16,912	17,874	*16,983	*18,490	16,733
19 State Total	176,671	*176,775	*177,169	*175,461	*179,504	177,440
Previous Year Total	172,652	172,145	173,941	173,669	174,862	176,351
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	102	101	103	101

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