



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 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 21, 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 21, 2005. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through May 21, 2005 were 3.52 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 16 2005	Apr 23 2005	Apr 30 2005	May 7 2005	May 14 2005	May 21 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,020	31,194	31,577	31,405	31,626	31,466
AR	30,997	31,203	30,826	31,488	31,167	31,284
DE	3,902	4,044	3,786	3,956	4,085	4,077
FL	1,344	1,354	1,342	1,344	1,343	1,344
GA	33,573	33,448	33,214	32,539	*33,793	33,651
KY	7,309	*6,806	*7,077	7,328	7,211	7,106
LA	4,165	4,165	4,041	4,102	4,105	4,104
MD	9,005	8,981	8,876	8,905	8,995	8,998
MS	18,524	18,886	18,780	18,947	18,812	18,856
NC	18,877	19,087	*19,063	18,753	18,796	18,851
OK	6,507	6,649	6,265	*6,296	*6,650	6,431
PA	4,148	*4,098	*4,019	*4,229	*4,102	4,116
SC	5,205	5,010	5,192	4,983	5,177	5,239
TX	15,486	15,542	15,527	15,553	15,536	15,401
VA	6,515	6,602	6,677	6,495	6,634	6,591
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,765	17,967	18,187	18,138	*18,094	18,238
19 State Total	215,342	*215,036	*214,449	*214,461	*216,126	215,753
Previous Year Total	214,388	213,217	212,646	212,957	213,724	214,186
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	101	101	101	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 16 2005	Apr 23 2005	Apr 30 2005	May 7 2005	May 14 2005	May 21 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,842	22,081	22,253	21,625	21,315	21,818
AR	24,090	24,829	23,759	*25,615	*24,734	24,201
DE	5,788	5,557	5,681	5,156	6,457	5,975
FL	1,488	*1,496	1,668	*1,332	*1,471	1,190
GA	26,971	25,781	27,120	28,528	*28,182	26,986
KY	6,096	6,446	6,420	*5,818	*5,993	5,858
LA	3,653	3,605	3,954	3,934	4,309	3,838
MD	4,988	5,212	5,762	6,105	4,808	4,641
MS	17,960	17,749	17,421	16,949	16,964	17,055
NC	15,174	15,381	15,302	15,624	15,268	15,073
OK	5,075	4,425	5,933	5,520	*5,464	5,427
PA	2,975	*3,093	*3,262	*3,168	*3,067	2,963
SC	4,602	4,271	4,544	3,572	4,387	4,734
TX	12,917	13,231	13,141	13,070	13,141	13,062
VA	5,676	5,353	4,999	5,144	5,407	5,683
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,866	16,977	18,488	*16,713	*17,156	16,891
19 State Total	177,161	*175,487	*179,707	*177,873	*178,123	175,395
Previous Year Total	173,941	173,669	174,862	176,351	175,431	175,320
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	103	101	102	100

* Revised