



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 June 11, 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 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 11, 2005. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through June 11, 2005 were 4.05 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 7 2005	May 14 2005	May 21 2005	May 28 2005	Jun 4 2005	Jun 11 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,405	31,626	*31,662	*31,661	31,750	31,786
AR	31,488	31,167	*31,329	31,587	31,505	31,343
DE	3,956	4,085	4,077	4,091	4,039	4,110
FL	1,344	1,343	*1,384	1,363	1,374	1,382
GA	*32,851	33,793	*33,664	33,619	*33,650	33,395
KY	*7,489	*7,239	7,080	6,922	6,981	7,090
LA	4,102	4,105	4,104	4,105	4,104	4,105
MD	8,905	8,995	9,005	8,991	9,013	8,997
MS	18,947	18,812	18,856	18,849	18,948	19,069
NC	18,792	18,522	*18,972	18,681	*18,520	18,992
OK	6,296	6,650	6,458	6,587	6,526	6,452
PA	4,229	4,102	*4,083	*3,973	*4,075	4,103
SC	4,983	5,177	5,239	5,060	5,232	5,053
TX	15,547	15,511	15,376	15,379	*15,389	15,396
VA	6,495	6,634	6,591	6,621	6,512	6,358
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,139	18,094	*18,299	*18,278	*18,241	18,234
19 State Total	*214,968	*215,855	*216,179	*215,767	*215,859	215,865
Previous Year Total	212,957	213,724	214,186	212,907	212,431	214,186
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	101	101	102	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 7 2005	May 14 2005	May 21 2005	May 28 2005	Jun 4 2005	Jun 11 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,625	21,391	21,818	*21,786	*21,668	22,017
AR	25,615	24,734	*24,280	*25,717	*25,093	24,981
DE	5,156	6,457	5,975	5,721	5,693	5,636
FL	1,332	1,471	1,249	1,526	1,528	1,442
GA	28,528	28,182	*26,904	*28,208	*27,753	27,655
KY	5,818	5,993	5,771	*6,375	*6,335	6,102
LA	3,934	4,309	3,838	4,197	4,093	3,800
MD	6,105	4,808	5,761	5,184	5,058	5,510
MS	16,949	16,964	17,055	17,169	17,041	17,033
NC	15,624	15,268	15,073	15,604	15,589	15,594
OK	5,520	5,464	5,429	4,356	4,921	4,940
PA	3,168	3,067	*3,089	*3,169	*2,951	2,930
SC	3,572	4,387	4,734	3,299	4,148	3,996
TX	13,065	13,136	13,057	13,053	*13,018	12,904
VA	5,144	5,407	5,683	5,271	*4,782	5,456
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,713	*17,153	*17,398	*16,713	*16,994	17,457
19 State Total	177,868	*178,191	*177,114	*177,348	*176,665	177,453
Previous Year Total	176,351	175,431	175,320	175,708	176,393	177,930
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	101	101	100	100

* Revised