



# 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 July 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 23, 2005. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through July 23, 2005 were 5.11 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 18 2005	Jun 25 2005	Jul 2 2005	Jul 9 2005	Jul 16 2005	Jul 23 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,240	31,218	31,374	31,272	31,768	31,918
AR	31,354	30,555	30,301	30,623	30,603	30,862
DE	4,136	4,061	3,798	3,974	4,073	4,070
FL	1,394	1,403	*1,377	1,384	1,384	1,380
GA	33,499	33,173	*31,950	33,436	33,337	33,045
KY	6,836	6,622	*7,046	7,138	7,114	7,104
LA	4,105	4,105	4,042	4,135	4,135	4,135
MD	9,009	9,016	9,022	9,022	8,938	8,950
MS	19,178	18,959	19,191	19,165	19,101	19,099
NC	17,917	*18,434	*17,396	*17,511	18,350	17,851
OK	6,506	6,508	6,563	6,282	*6,563	6,676
PA	4,001	3,979	*3,774	*4,117	*4,045	4,248
SC	5,175	5,065	5,283	5,052	4,971	5,136
TX	15,416	15,251	14,584	15,329	15,208	15,199
VA	6,556	6,495	6,226	6,491	6,062	6,474
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,248	17,771	*17,530	17,243	*18,260	17,932
19 State Total	214,570	*212,615	*209,457	*212,174	*213,912	214,079
Previous Year Total	214,006	212,929	210,618	211,359	214,348	213,160
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	99	100	100	100

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 18 2005	Jun 25 2005	Jul 2 2005	Jul 9 2005	Jul 16 2005	Jul 23 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,158	21,560	22,088	21,748	21,383	21,943
AR	24,643	25,470	25,763	24,035	*24,077	23,439
DE	5,999	5,822	5,913	5,978	6,395	4,147
FL	1,536	1,482	1,516	1,502	1,489	1,445
GA	26,841	28,280	*27,057	27,700	27,277	26,025
KY	6,025	6,222	5,563	5,840	*5,891	5,869
LA	4,134	4,057	3,801	4,204	4,055	4,120
MD	5,009	5,533	5,471	5,284	4,830	6,545
MS	17,160	17,212	17,248	17,297	17,350	17,139
NC	15,311	14,998	15,896	*15,010	15,103	14,258
OK	4,999	5,405	4,761	5,531	*5,600	5,120
PA	2,997	2,963	*2,965	*2,973	*2,984	2,571
SC	4,927	4,605	4,337	3,975	4,544	4,486
TX	12,937	12,972	*13,002	*12,964	12,881	12,302
VA	5,455	5,496	5,108	4,734	*5,209	5,143
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,421	16,085	17,545	17,780	*16,633	17,318
19 State Total	177,552	178,162	*178,034	*176,555	*175,701	171,870
Previous Year Total	175,598	175,595	176,751	176,620	176,174	173,185
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	101	100	100	99

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