



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 27, 2005. This was up slightly 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 27, 2005. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through August 27, 2005 were 5.98 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 23 2005	Jul 30 2005	Aug 6 2005	Aug 13 2005	Aug 20 2005	Aug 27 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,047	31,627	31,350	31,532	31,132	31,580
AR	30,862	31,178	30,929	29,854	30,050	30,918
DE	4,069	4,060	3,956	3,940	3,938	3,784
FL	1,380	1,383	1,381	1,382	1,287	1,379
GA	33,050	33,130	33,402	34,107	*34,828	33,247
KY	7,015	*7,031	7,149	7,101	*6,932	6,622
LA	4,135	4,135	4,135	4,135	4,120	4,073
MD	8,950	8,878	8,963	8,731	*8,934	8,919
MS	19,099	18,970	18,794	18,998	18,906	18,501
NC	18,199	18,461	*18,193	*18,342	*18,082	17,506
OK	*6,725	6,622	6,638	*6,590	*6,601	6,734
PA	4,444	4,131	3,989	4,107	*4,066	4,188
SC	5,141	5,050	5,060	5,198	5,110	5,175
TX	15,206	15,085	14,233	13,830	15,001	15,066
VA	6,474	*5,984	6,408	6,274	6,270	6,196
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,499	*18,425	18,425	*17,794	*18,500	17,518
19 State Total	*215,295	*214,150	*213,005	*211,915	*213,757	211,406
Previous Year Total	213,160	214,939	213,074	213,309	212,926	210,468
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	100	99	100	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 23 2005	Jul 30 2005	Aug 6 2005	Aug 13 2005	Aug 20 2005	Aug 27 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,943	21,683	22,250	21,274	*21,635	21,617
AR	23,493	24,315	23,813	*24,581	*25,069	24,158
DE	4,781	5,629	6,216	5,998	*5,954	5,864
FL	1,445	1,586	1,488	1,635	1,511	1,510
GA	25,969	27,496	27,134	*27,691	*26,602	26,385
KY	5,818	5,983	6,077	6,271	*6,093	6,146
LA	4,120	4,118	4,167	4,053	3,936	4,150
MD	6,075	5,216	4,920	5,327	*4,987	5,253
MS	17,459	17,394	17,385	17,466	17,240	17,159
NC	14,258	14,422	15,101	15,162	15,168	14,512
OK	5,121	3,868	4,804	*5,101	*4,907	4,387
PA	2,820	3,109	3,025	3,360	*3,104	2,889
SC	4,467	3,854	4,291	4,007	4,721	5,003
TX	12,310	12,893	12,785	12,724	12,595	12,084
VA	5,225	5,707	5,136	5,019	*5,172	5,207
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,096	16,944	*17,496	*16,204	*16,226	17,704
19 State Total	172,400	174,217	*176,088	*175,873	*174,920	174,028
Previous Year Total	173,185	174,183	175,954	175,391	176,170	175,177
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	100	100	99	99

* Revised