



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 17, 2005. This was up 3 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 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 17, 2005. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through September 17, 2005 were 6.50 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 13 2005	Aug 20 2005	Aug 27 2005	Sep 3 2005	Sep 10 2005	Sep 17 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,532	31,132	31,580	31,315	30,853	30,928
AR	28,861	29,686	30,918	29,480	29,667	29,297
DE	3,940	3,938	3,784	3,835	3,937	3,668
FL	1,382	1,302	1,379	1,394	1,344	1,379
GA	33,246	33,521	*32,866	33,290	33,323	31,448
KY	7,058	*6,968	6,652	6,936	6,837	6,284
LA	4,135	4,120	4,073	4,027	*4,105	3,802
MD	8,731	8,934	8,919	8,838	8,713	8,509
MS	18,998	18,906	18,605	17,523	17,639	17,672
NC	18,187	18,131	*17,697	17,301	16,936	16,913
OK	6,590	6,601	*6,671	6,387	6,669	6,377
PA	4,107	4,024	4,195	4,170	*4,283	3,984
SC	5,198	5,110	5,175	4,796	5,120	5,151
TX	13,836	15,004	15,069	15,053	14,972	14,505
VA	6,274	6,270	6,196	6,182	6,112	6,030
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,816	18,503	18,233	18,225	*18,238	16,833
19 State Total	209,891	*212,150	*212,012	208,752	*208,748	202,780
Previous Year Total	213,309	212,926	210,468	209,170	202,622	197,407
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	100	101	100	103	103

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 13 2005	Aug 20 2005	Aug 27 2005	Sep 3 2005	Sep 10 2005	Sep 17 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,274	21,635	21,617	21,557	21,747	21,520
AR	24,581	25,069	24,158	23,640	*23,344	24,071
DE	5,998	5,954	5,864	5,735	4,032	5,832
FL	1,635	1,511	1,510	1,662	1,492	1,431
GA	27,802	26,602	26,397	26,778	*27,309	26,514
KY	6,271	6,093	6,226	5,790	*5,744	5,881
LA	4,053	3,936	4,134	3,726	*3,880	4,059
MD	5,327	4,987	5,253	5,526	5,425	5,173
MS	17,466	17,240	16,994	14,687	15,322	16,252
NC	15,162	15,168	14,472	15,033	14,904	14,635
OK	5,101	4,907	4,387	4,998	5,358	5,311
PA	3,360	3,134	3,011	2,926	*3,041	2,921
SC	4,007	4,721	5,003	4,140	4,318	4,372
TX	12,728	12,599	12,089	11,758	12,753	12,793
VA	5,019	5,172	5,207	5,111	*4,780	4,919
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,202	16,230	17,826	16,515	*17,496	16,940
19 State Total	175,986	174,958	174,148	169,582	*170,945	172,624
Previous Year Total	175,391	176,170	175,177	174,771	174,977	173,376
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	99	97	98	100

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