



# 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 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 24, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 24, 2005. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through September 24, 2005 were 6.67 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 20 2005	Aug 27 2005	Sep 3 2005	Sep 10 2005	Sep 17 2005	Sep 24 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,132	31,580	31,315	30,853	30,928	30,779
AR	29,686	30,918	*30,434	29,667	*29,276	29,694
DE	3,938	3,784	3,835	3,937	3,668	3,797
FL	1,302	1,379	1,394	1,344	1,379	1,364
GA	33,521	*33,281	*33,689	*33,786	*31,926	33,062
KY	6,968	*6,730	6,936	6,837	6,284	6,999
LA	4,120	4,073	4,027	4,105	3,802	4,105
MD	8,934	8,919	8,838	8,713	8,509	8,765
MS	18,906	18,605	17,523	17,639	17,672	17,626
NC	18,131	17,697	*17,523	16,936	16,913	18,307
OK	6,601	6,671	*6,466	6,669	6,377	6,332
PA	4,024	4,195	4,170	4,283	*3,860	3,994
SC	5,110	5,175	4,796	5,120	5,151	4,859
TX	15,004	15,069	15,053	14,972	14,505	14,227
VA	6,270	6,196	6,182	6,112	6,030	6,272
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,503	18,233	18,225	18,238	*16,789	17,864
19 State Total	212,150	*212,505	*210,406	*209,211	*203,069	208,046
Previous Year Total	212,926	210,468	209,170	202,622	197,407	201,405
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	101	103	103	103

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 20 2005	Aug 27 2005	Sep 3 2005	Sep 10 2005	Sep 17 2005	Sep 24 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,635	21,617	*21,746	21,747	21,520	20,919
AR	25,069	24,158	23,640	23,344	*24,066	24,155
DE	5,954	5,864	5,735	4,032	5,832	5,449
FL	1,511	1,510	1,662	1,492	1,431	1,325
GA	26,602	26,397	26,778	27,309	*26,674	26,736
KY	6,093	6,226	5,790	5,744	*5,875	5,758
LA	3,936	4,134	3,726	3,880	4,059	4,104
MD	4,987	5,253	5,526	5,425	5,173	5,160
MS	17,240	16,994	14,687	15,322	16,252	15,364
NC	15,168	14,472	15,033	14,904	14,635	13,654
OK	4,907	4,387	4,998	5,358	5,311	4,492
PA	3,134	3,011	2,926	3,041	*2,977	3,018
SC	4,721	5,003	4,140	4,318	*4,369	4,739
TX	12,599	12,089	11,758	12,753	12,793	12,608
VA	5,172	5,207	5,111	4,780	4,919	5,288
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,230	17,826	16,515	17,496	*16,946	17,607
19 State Total	174,958	174,148	*169,771	170,945	*172,832	170,376
Previous Year Total	176,170	175,177	174,771	174,977	173,376	172,022
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	97	98	100	99

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