



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 29, 2005. This was up 2 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 Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 29, 2005. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through October 29, 2005 were 7.51 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					
	Sep 24 2005	Oct 1 2005	Oct 8 2005	Oct 15 2005	Oct 22 2005	Oct 29 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,296	31,177	*29,866	30,242	30,901	29,661
AR	29,694	29,550	30,967	29,003	28,489	28,060
DE	3,797	3,979	3,810	3,767	3,690	3,289
FL	1,404	1,374	*1,389	1,384	1,379	1,383
GA	32,533	33,098	33,739	32,431	31,484	31,773
KY	6,944	6,655	6,745	5,986	6,136	6,910
LA	4,105	3,833	4,136	4,136	3,834	4,136
MD	8,765	8,721	8,670	8,813	8,737	8,467
MS	18,412	17,573	*17,998	16,951	*17,912	16,619
NC	17,885	17,936	*17,483	17,334	17,914	18,493
OK	6,257	6,278	6,496	6,590	6,619	6,330
PA	3,970	4,247	4,190	*3,938	*3,850	3,967
SC	4,859	5,075	4,939	5,093	5,029	4,471
TX	14,226	12,383	14,561	14,806	13,642	14,115
VA	6,272	5,861	6,245	6,009	6,190	6,373
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,763	*16,925	18,541	17,101	17,069	17,363
19 State Total	*207,182	*204,665	*209,775	*203,584	*202,875	201,410
Previous Year Total	201,405	200,166	203,011	196,265	194,298	197,554
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	103	104	104	102

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 24 2005	Oct 1 2005	Oct 8 2005	Oct 15 2005	Oct 22 2005	Oct 29 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,919	20,289	21,140	*20,939	*21,642	20,911
AR	24,271	23,578	23,250	23,736	23,224	25,076
DE	5,449	5,481	5,142	5,466	5,940	5,289
FL	1,325	1,527	1,492	1,471	1,583	1,566
GA	26,700	27,674	25,903	26,400	25,995	25,979
KY	5,848	6,101	5,344	6,127	5,711	5,993
LA	4,104	4,052	3,260	3,381	3,993	3,871
MD	5,160	5,133	5,296	4,958	4,679	5,388
MS	15,364	15,386	15,415	16,535	*15,641	15,771
NC	13,654	13,963	13,917	14,620	14,691	13,856
OK	4,491	5,060	5,028	3,965	4,566	5,219
PA	3,073	3,093	2,784	*2,913	*3,096	2,976
SC	4,739	3,773	4,476	3,630	4,838	5,049
TX	12,633	12,496	12,299	12,960	10,369	12,099
VA	5,288	5,034	4,925	4,922	4,651	5,013
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,618	*17,324	*16,231	*16,232	*15,614	15,916
19 State Total	*170,636	*169,964	*165,902	*168,255	*166,233	169,972
Previous Year Total	172,022	165,909	160,797	164,297	164,597	165,442
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	102	103	102	101	103

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