



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 193 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 1, 2003. This was up 1 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 Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 160 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 1, 2003. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 1, 2003 were 7.35 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 27 2003	Oct 4 2003	Oct 11 2003	Oct 18 2003	Oct 25 2003	Nov 1 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,391	28,577	*27,568	28,282	26,822	26,638
AR	30,013	28,806	29,386	28,862	29,106	27,849
DE	3,479	3,670	3,529	3,531	3,233	3,690
FL	1,369	1,369	1,359	*1,323	1,353	1,353
GA	30,129	30,719	32,016	29,461	28,898	30,277
KY	6,576	*6,347	6,626	5,370	6,025	5,708
LA	3,891	3,861	3,758	3,782	3,691	3,847
MD	8,411	8,417	8,502	8,005	7,808	8,840
MS	17,357	17,260	17,910	16,983	17,287	16,229
NC	17,546	16,296	*16,576	16,677	17,291	17,681
OK	5,651	6,056	5,864	6,037	6,505	6,090
PA	3,491	3,679	3,451	*3,362	3,582	3,608
SC	4,417	4,578	4,080	3,907	4,206	4,097
TX	14,357	14,179	14,217	12,863	12,978	14,384
VA	6,391	5,713	6,360	6,378	6,670	6,205
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,327	15,304	15,337	15,133	14,953	16,033
19 State Total	195,796	*194,831	*196,539	*189,956	190,408	192,529
Previous Year Total	191,851	193,083	192,080	185,654	181,106	189,835
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	102	102	105	101

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 27 2003	Oct 4 2003	Oct 11 2003	Oct 18 2003	Oct 25 2003	Nov 1 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,676	20,614	20,421	20,649	21,380	20,866
AR	24,992	22,702	23,157	23,755	23,230	23,060
DE	4,831	4,439	4,553	4,189	4,359	4,616
FL	1,651	1,605	1,505	1,876	1,506	1,518
GA	24,677	24,145	24,338	24,134	24,391	25,397
KY	5,273	4,933	*5,384	5,488	*5,458	5,645
LA	3,704	3,600	3,704	3,896	3,578	3,620
MD	5,378	5,563	5,232	6,308	5,727	5,418
MS	15,904	15,221	14,673	14,526	14,925	14,983
NC	13,000	13,156	12,575	13,790	13,225	13,155
OK	4,574	5,390	5,769	4,197	3,966	3,924
PA	2,691	2,635	2,555	*2,542	*2,617	2,468
SC	3,827	4,265	4,188	3,685	4,040	4,196
TX	12,193	11,670	10,809	11,954	11,758	11,859
VA	5,231	4,696	4,696	5,069	4,415	5,130
CA, MO, TN, & WV	13,521	14,566	13,996	14,211	14,160	14,001
19 State Total	163,123	159,200	*157,555	*160,269	*158,735	159,856
Previous Year Total	165,235	155,770	154,082	155,782	157,001	155,287
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	102	102	103	101	103

* Revised