



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 19, 2004. 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 Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 19, 2004. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through June 19, 2004 were 4.29 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	May 15 2004	May 22 2004	May 29 2004	Jun 5 2004	Jun 12 2004	Jun 19 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,590	30,879	*29,866	30,043	30,296	30,715
AR	32,245	32,157	31,991	32,066	31,916	31,718
DE	3,857	3,871	3,935	3,832	3,844	3,923
FL	1,394	1,389	1,389	1,387	1,371	1,375
GA	33,164	33,121	*33,612	33,046	33,202	33,397
KY	7,159	*7,177	*7,177	7,291	7,145	6,987
LA	3,998	3,892	3,890	3,891	3,892	3,892
MD	8,900	8,990	9,007	8,989	9,012	8,996
MS	19,393	19,363	19,496	19,529	19,682	19,845
NC	18,635	18,839	*18,644	18,634	19,160	19,210
OK	6,684	6,500	6,559	6,483	6,453	6,856
PA	3,948	3,773	3,263	*3,638	3,954	3,947
SC	3,774	3,781	3,738	3,751	3,733	3,809
TX	15,432	15,243	15,343	15,093	15,193	15,191
VA	6,644	6,675	6,747	6,688	6,768	6,763
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,911	18,245	*18,098	17,864	*17,715	17,626
19 State Total	213,728	*213,895	*212,755	*212,225	*213,336	214,250
Previous Year Total	210,125	211,168	210,125	211,135	209,410	207,133
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	101	101	102	103

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	May 15 2004	May 22 2004	May 29 2004	Jun 5 2004	Jun 12 2004	Jun 19 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,805	22,568	22,028	22,168	22,248	21,048
AR	25,698	25,239	25,729	25,792	*26,808	25,831
DE	4,511	5,286	5,724	5,252	5,535	4,729
FL	1,666	1,526	1,576	1,474	1,500	1,645
GA	26,992	26,428	25,221	26,384	26,951	26,919
KY	6,094	5,728	5,805	5,918	*6,047	6,244
LA	3,744	3,813	4,172	4,092	3,669	3,908
MD	6,439	4,937	5,099	5,560	5,849	6,276
MS	16,807	16,785	17,077	17,280	17,251	17,538
NC	15,013	15,161	15,618	15,577	15,010	15,162
OK	5,001	5,680	4,219	4,799	4,630	4,268
PA	2,874	2,765	2,838	*2,760	2,616	2,294
SC	3,863	3,954	5,174	4,636	4,453	4,439
TX	12,760	12,868	13,126	12,912	12,985	13,019
VA	5,609	5,731	5,264	5,292	5,420	5,386
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,674	15,920	*15,491	16,985	17,293	16,224
19 State Total	174,550	174,389	*174,161	*176,881	*178,265	174,930
Previous Year Total	170,953	172,110	170,346	173,036	173,964	172,611
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	102	102	102	101

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