



# 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 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 10, 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 10, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 10, 2004 were 4.81 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 5 2004	Jun 12 2004	Jun 19 2004	Jun 26 2004	Jul 3 2004	Jul 10 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,014	30,296	30,715	30,373	30,690	30,493
AR	32,066	31,916	*31,809	31,556	31,452	31,489
DE	3,832	3,844	3,923	3,793	3,444	3,561
FL	1,372	1,371	1,375	1,369	1,371	1,366
GA	33,046	33,392	33,360	33,413	33,079	33,358
KY	7,301	7,135	*6,958	*7,021	*7,142	7,326
LA	3,891	3,892	3,892	3,892	*3,923	3,892
MD	8,989	9,012	8,996	8,983	8,892	8,894
MS	19,529	19,682	19,845	19,742	19,845	19,845
NC	18,693	19,114	*18,712	18,500	*17,625	18,124
OK	6,483	6,453	6,856	6,344	6,619	6,216
PA	3,638	*4,122	*3,962	*3,764	*3,898	3,945
SC	3,751	3,733	3,809	3,697	3,785	3,510
TX	*15,094	*15,194	*15,209	*15,282	*15,076	15,380
VA	6,688	6,768	6,763	6,811	6,832	6,863
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,937	*17,777	*17,684	*17,250	*16,683	16,796
19 State Total	*212,324	*213,701	*213,868	*211,790	*210,356	211,058
Previous Year Total	211,135	209,410	207,133	201,877	205,357	204,920
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	103	105	102	103

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 5 2004	Jun 12 2004	Jun 19 2004	Jun 26 2004	Jul 3 2004	Jul 10 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,168	22,248	21,248	20,484	21,372	21,998
AR	25,792	26,808	26,008	26,173	*25,487	26,092
DE	5,252	5,535	4,729	*4,908	*4,951	4,826
FL	1,474	1,500	1,645	1,644	*1,606	1,498
GA	26,384	26,951	26,919	27,443	*28,644	27,041
KY	5,918	6,080	6,267	*6,198	*6,086	6,178
LA	4,092	3,669	3,908	*3,514	*3,941	3,755
MD	5,560	5,849	6,276	*6,078	*6,120	6,020
MS	17,280	17,251	17,538	17,258	*17,388	17,116
NC	15,577	15,010	15,162	15,442	*15,139	15,463
OK	4,799	4,630	4,268	5,372	4,600	4,164
PA	2,760	*2,598	*2,248	*2,616	*2,877	2,847
SC	4,636	4,453	4,439	4,087	*4,019	4,203
TX	*12,913	*12,986	13,019	*12,790	12,752	12,704
VA	5,292	5,428	5,386	5,236	5,216	5,701
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,026	*17,316	*16,222	*15,752	*16,263	15,933
19 State Total	*176,923	*178,312	*175,282	*174,995	*176,461	175,539
Previous Year Total	173,036	173,964	172,611	172,446	171,574	169,458
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	101	103	104

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