



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 4 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 186 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 22, 2001. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **Broiler Chicks Placed Up 5 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 152 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 22, 2001. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through December 22, 2001 were 7.45 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## ***Four Additional States in Weekly Program***

***Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.***

***Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 22, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 22, 2001.***

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 17 2001	Nov 24 2001	Dec 1 2001	Dec 8 2001	Dec 15 2001	Dec 22 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,254	28,887	*29,262	29,301	29,315	29,504
AR	30,589	30,582	31,179	30,081	30,701	30,830
DE	3,443	3,477	3,617	3,560	*3,398	3,665
FL	2,254	2,358	2,306	2,310	2,282	2,384
GA	31,504	30,651	*32,615	30,928	31,488	31,682
MD	8,499	8,854	10,002	7,409	8,867	8,816
MS	18,290	18,060	*18,784	18,658	19,024	18,997
NC	18,538	18,785	*19,231	17,848	18,758	19,249
PA	3,840	3,822	3,876	3,789	*3,942	3,858
SC	4,689	4,642	4,710	4,690	4,482	4,922
TX	14,164	14,586	14,833	14,934	14,924	15,029
VA	6,611	6,503	6,559	6,537	6,635	6,493
CA, TN, & WV	10,697	11,155	11,081	10,426	*10,672	10,822
15 State Total	182,372	182,362	*188,055	180,471	*184,488	186,251
Previous Year Total	177,548	180,652	180,423	176,288	179,814	179,487
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	101	104	102	103	104
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	5,089	5,165	5,283	5,009	4,880	4,880
OK	6,435	6,413	6,375	6,357	6,195	6,351
LA & MO	9,637	9,290	9,821	8,814	9,288	9,127
19 State Total	203,533	203,230	*209,534	200,651	*204,851	206,609

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 17 2001	Nov 24 2001	Dec 1 2001	Dec 8 2001	Dec 15 2001	Dec 22 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	18,995	20,473	21,412	21,853	22,331	21,968
AR	21,833	21,689	23,459	24,937	24,756	26,129
DE	5,570	4,764	5,324	4,508	*4,926	5,038
FL	2,218	2,516	2,143	2,523	1,927	2,482
GA	23,937	23,241	25,081	25,558	*24,079	26,249
MD	4,262	5,321	5,599	5,627	*5,386	6,337
MS	13,886	15,292	14,461	15,427	15,193	15,654
NC	13,661	14,375	14,853	14,597	15,113	15,124
PA	2,563	2,438	2,763	2,746	*2,872	2,734
SC	3,266	3,755	4,229	3,756	3,816	3,751
TX	9,523	11,157	11,452	11,242	11,569	11,796
VA	4,838	4,741	4,931	5,076	5,004	5,493
CA, TN, & WV	9,086	9,533	9,770	9,513	*9,655	9,104
15 State Total	133,638	139,295	145,477	147,363	*146,627	151,859
Previous Year Total	128,656	134,733	144,183	143,211	144,833	144,082
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	103	101	103	101	105
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	3,704	3,935	4,046	4,056	4,094	4,136
OK	4,074	4,293	5,677	5,225	4,487	4,495
LA & MO	8,570	9,224	8,758	8,148	8,979	8,540
19 State Total	149,986	156,747	163,958	164,792	*164,187	169,030

\* Revised.