



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 184 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 29, 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 146 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 29, 2001. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through December 29, 2001 were 7.60 billion, up 2 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 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 29, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 29, 2001.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 24 2001	Dec 1 2001	Dec 8 2001	Dec 15 2001	Dec 22 2001	Dec 29 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,887	29,262	*29,398	29,315	29,504	29,412
AR	30,582	31,179	30,081	30,701	30,830	30,596
DE	3,477	3,617	3,560	3,398	3,665	3,489
FL	2,358	2,306	*2,405	2,282	2,384	2,503
GA	30,651	32,615	30,928	31,488	31,682	31,100
MD	8,854	10,002	7,409	8,867	8,816	8,733
MS	18,060	18,784	18,658	19,024	18,997	18,439
NC	18,785	19,231	*18,194	18,758	19,249	18,333
PA	3,822	3,876	3,789	3,942	*3,882	3,726
SC	4,642	4,710	4,690	4,482	4,922	4,763
TX	14,586	14,833	14,934	14,924	15,029	15,376
VA	6,503	6,559	6,537	6,635	*6,634	6,631
CA, TN, & WV	11,155	11,081	*10,921	*10,635	*10,850	10,778
15 State Total	182,362	188,055	*181,504	*184,451	*186,444	183,879
Previous Year Total	180,652	180,423	176,288	179,814	179,487	176,109
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	104	103	103	104	104
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	5,165	5,283	*4,869	4,880	4,880	4,878
OK	6,413	6,375	6,357	6,195	*6,526	6,481
LA & MO	9,290	9,821	8,814	9,288	9,127	8,893
19 State Total	203,230	209,534	*201,544	*204,814	*206,977	204,131

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 24 2001	Dec 1 2001	Dec 8 2001	Dec 15 2001	Dec 22 2001	Dec 29 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,473	21,412	21,853	22,331	21,968	22,510
AR	21,689	23,459	24,937	24,756	26,129	24,073
DE	4,764	5,324	4,508	4,926	5,038	4,101
FL	2,516	2,143	2,523	1,927	2,482	2,274
GA	23,241	25,081	25,558	24,079	26,249	24,500
MD	5,321	5,599	5,627	5,386	6,337	5,092
MS	15,292	14,461	15,427	15,193	15,654	15,378
NC	14,375	14,853	14,597	15,113	15,124	14,245
PA	2,438	2,763	2,746	2,872	*2,672	2,817
SC	3,755	4,229	3,756	3,816	3,751	4,225
TX	11,157	11,452	11,242	11,569	11,796	11,831
VA	4,741	4,931	5,076	5,004	*5,609	5,475
CA, TN, & WV	9,533	9,770	*9,869	*9,659	*9,090	9,314
15 State Total	139,295	145,477	*147,719	*146,631	*151,899	145,835
Previous Year Total	134,733	144,183	143,211	144,833	144,082	138,710
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	101	103	101	105	105
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	3,935	4,046	4,056	4,094	4,136	3,870
OK	4,293	5,677	5,225	4,487	4,495	5,082
LA & MO	9,224	8,758	8,148	8,979	8,540	8,434
19 State Total	156,747	163,958	*165,148	*164,191	*169,070	163,221

* Revised.