



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 193 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 5, 2002. This was down 6 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 157 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 5, 2002. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through October 5, 2002 were 6.76 billion.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 31 2002	Sep 7 2002	Sep 14 2002	Sep 21 2002	Sep 28 2002	Oct 5 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,019	28,907	*27,661	28,031	27,425	27,660
AR	29,734	29,592	28,201	29,050	28,177	27,733
DE	3,421	3,480	3,351	3,091	3,198	3,408
FL	2,101	2,166	2,166	2,192	2,254	2,168
GA	31,553	32,029	*29,124	30,228	29,102	29,882
KY	6,493	6,243	*6,217	5,921	6,844	6,318
MD	10,049	8,952	9,061	8,711	*9,242	8,898
MS	*18,244	*18,251	*17,502	17,540	17,244	17,390
NC	17,939	18,074	*16,240	15,966	17,018	16,611
OK	6,663	6,685	6,652	5,975	4,013	4,631
PA	3,655	3,723	*3,550	*3,358	*3,505	3,746
SC	4,864	4,925	4,937	4,833	4,678	4,885
TX	*14,345	*15,194	*14,677	*13,225	*15,067	14,410
VA	6,354	6,342	5,809	4,987	*6,104	5,751
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,541	*19,473	16,833	*17,036	*18,756	19,079
19 State Total	*203,975	*204,036	*191,981	*190,144	*192,627	192,570
Previous Year Total	204,622	198,093	194,686	199,865	201,736	205,355
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	103	99	95	95	94

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 31 2002	Sep 7 2002	Sep 14 2002	Sep 21 2002	Sep 28 2002	Oct 5 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,576	22,701	21,866	21,530	21,738	20,473
AR	23,913	23,531	24,809	24,224	23,894	22,026
DE	5,511	5,394	4,889	5,601	*4,541	5,255
FL	2,126	2,222	1,938	2,228	2,110	2,278
GA	25,694	25,094	*26,231	*25,503	*26,252	23,702
KY	5,384	5,459	5,518	5,260	5,039	5,052
MD	6,255	6,270	6,187	5,765	*5,502	4,934
MS	15,956	15,940	15,372	15,340	15,348	14,622
NC	14,679	14,700	14,308	14,240	14,070	13,357
OK	4,143	4,742	4,136	4,623	3,846	5,470
PA	2,746	2,780	*2,810	*2,796	*2,779	2,636
SC	4,118	3,827	4,111	4,096	3,498	3,670
TX	11,155	*11,423	*10,572	*11,173	*11,883	11,822
VA	4,613	4,611	5,422	4,938	5,204	4,937
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	18,614	*18,542	*18,585	*17,910	*18,866	16,543
19 State Total	166,483	*167,236	*166,754	*165,227	*164,570	156,777
Previous Year Total	165,420	167,090	167,537	166,119	160,598	156,354
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	100	99	102	100

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