



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 188 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 2, 2002. This was up 1 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 151 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 2, 2002. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through March 2, 2002 were 1.34 billion, up 4 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 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 2, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 2, 2002. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through March 2, 2002 in the 19 States totaled 1.51 billion.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 26 2002	Feb 2 2002	Feb 9 2002	Feb 16 2002	Feb 23 2002	Mar 2 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,363	29,264	*29,466	29,513	29,316	29,647
AR	30,623	30,803	30,232	30,806	30,825	30,859
DE	3,672	3,574	3,631	3,684	3,571	3,442
FL	2,163	2,385	2,336	2,297	2,224	2,342
GA	31,304	31,162	31,765	31,494	*31,374	31,499
MD	9,531	10,095	10,036	10,072	10,016	10,002
MS	18,359	*18,967	*18,905	18,851	19,035	18,774
NC	18,520	19,512	*19,298	19,473	19,562	19,692
PA	3,473	3,435	3,529	3,987	*3,975	3,701
SC	4,742	4,712	4,618	4,945	4,984	4,920
TX	15,319	15,101	15,263	15,338	15,343	15,299
VA	6,602	6,643	6,737	6,535	6,673	6,672
CA, TN, & WV	10,966	10,669	10,563	*10,907	*11,023	10,854
15 State Total	184,637	*186,322	*186,379	*187,902	*187,921	187,703
Previous Year Total	177,434	178,493	180,246	181,711	184,325	185,689
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	103	103	102	101
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	*6,773	*6,608	*6,073	*6,760	*7,172	6,551
OK	6,566	6,566	6,565	6,579	6,673	6,460
LA & MO	8,900	9,252	9,122	9,177	9,282	9,357
19 State Total	*206,876	*208,748	*208,139	*210,418	*211,048	210,071

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 26 2002	Feb 2 2002	Feb 9 2002	Feb 16 2002	Feb 23 2002	Mar 2 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,013	21,673	21,915	22,563	22,412	22,042
AR	24,074	23,464	24,082	24,918	*24,317	24,472
DE	5,563	4,551	4,971	5,785	4,809	4,902
FL	2,349	2,154	2,473	2,150	2,540	2,128
GA	26,034	25,392	25,652	25,465	*25,452	26,011
MD	5,339	5,844	6,060	5,601	6,776	6,751
MS	15,658	15,683	15,064	14,925	*15,639	15,691
NC	14,381	13,810	14,293	14,270	15,387	15,147
PA	2,545	2,557	2,474	2,488	*2,505	2,742
SC	3,697	3,885	3,701	3,893	3,918	3,983
TX	12,100	11,754	11,616	12,139	12,052	12,169
VA	5,726	5,478	4,631	5,137	5,229	5,601
CA, TN, & WV	9,353	9,205	9,515	*9,066	*9,162	9,647
15 State Total	148,832	145,450	146,447	*148,400	*150,198	151,286
Previous Year Total	143,929	144,793	143,285	141,289	142,593	143,883
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	100	102	105	105	105
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	*5,521	*5,622	*5,716	*5,466	*5,398	4,845
OK	4,442	5,064	5,243	5,212	5,012	4,038
LA & MO	8,605	8,190	7,919	7,958	9,823	9,288
19 State Total	*167,400	*164,326	*165,325	*167,036	*170,431	169,457

* Revised.