



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 187 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 9, 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 152 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 9, 2002. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through March 9, 2002 were 1.49 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 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 9, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 9, 2002. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through March 9, 2002 in the 19 States totaled 1.68 billion.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Feb 2 2002 | Feb 9 2002 | Feb 16 2002 | Feb 23 2002 | Mar 2 2002 | Mar 9 2002 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 29,264 | 29,466 | *29,627 | 29,316 | 29,647 | 29,472 |
| AR | 30,803 | 30,232 | 30,806 | 30,825 | 30,859 | 30,238 |
| DE | 3,574 | 3,631 | 3,684 | 3,571 | 3,442 | 3,449 |
| FL | 2,385 | 2,336 | *2,337 | 2,224 | 2,342 | 2,331 |
| GA | 31,162 | 31,765 | 31,494 | 31,374 | 31,499 | 31,845 |
| MD | 10,095 | 10,036 | 10,072 | 10,016 | 10,002 | 9,363 |
| MS | 18,967 | 18,905 | 18,851 | 19,035 | 18,774 | 18,807 |
| NC | 19,512 | *19,271 | *19,463 | 19,562 | 19,692 | 18,853 |
| PA | 3,435 | 3,529 | 3,987 | 3,975 | *3,775 | 3,711 |
| SC | 4,712 | 4,618 | 4,945 | 4,984 | *4,918 | 4,819 |
| TX | *15,092 | *15,253 | *15,358 | *15,363 | *15,320 | 15,324 |
| VA | 6,643 | 6,737 | 6,535 | 6,673 | 6,672 | 6,660 |
| CA, TN, & WV | 10,669 | 10,563 | *11,052 | 11,023 | *10,892 | 11,688 |
| 15 State Total | *186,313 | *186,342 | *188,211 | *187,941 | *187,834 | 186,560 |
| Previous Year Total | 178,493 | 180,246 | 181,711 | 184,325 | 185,689 | 184,834 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 104 | 103 | 104 | 102 | 101 | 101 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| KY | *6,623 | *6,057 | 6,760 | *6,978 | *6,598 | 6,685 |
| OK | 6,566 | 6,565 | 6,579 | 6,673 | 6,460 | 6,072 |
| LA & MO | 9,252 | 9,122 | 9,177 | 9,282 | 9,357 | 9,308 |
| 19 State Total | *208,754 | *208,086 | *210,727 | *210,874 | *210,249 | 208,625 |

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Feb 2 2002 | Feb 9 2002 | Feb 16 2002 | Feb 23 2002 | Mar 2 2002 | Mar 9 2002 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 21,673 | 21,915 | 22,563 | 22,412 | 22,042 | 21,943 |
| AR | 23,464 | 24,082 | 24,918 | 24,317 | 24,472 | 24,421 |
| DE | 4,551 | 4,971 | 5,785 | 4,809 | 4,902 | 5,499 |
| FL | 2,154 | 2,473 | 2,150 | 2,540 | 2,128 | 2,180 |
| GA | 25,392 | 25,652 | 25,465 | 25,452 | *26,239 | 26,174 |
| MD | 5,844 | 6,060 | 5,601 | 6,776 | 6,751 | 6,395 |
| MS | 15,683 | 15,064 | 14,925 | 15,639 | 15,691 | 15,720 |
| NC | 13,810 | 14,293 | 14,270 | 15,387 | 15,147 | 15,495 |
| PA | 2,557 | 2,474 | 2,488 | 2,505 | *2,651 | 2,850 |
| SC | 3,885 | 3,701 | 3,893 | 3,918 | *3,979 | 3,914 |
| TX | *11,746 | *11,608 | *12,132 | *12,044 | *12,161 | 12,216 |
| VA | 5,478 | 4,631 | 5,137 | 5,229 | 5,601 | 4,962 |
| CA, TN, & WV | 9,205 | 9,515 | 9,066 | 9,162 | *9,182 | 9,823 |
| 15 State Total | *145,442 | *146,439 | *148,393 | *150,190 | *150,946 | 151,592 |
| Previous Year Total | 144,793 | 143,285 | 141,289 | 142,593 | 143,883 | 146,406 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 100 | 102 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 104 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| KY | 5,622 | 5,716 | 5,466 | 5,398 | *4,861 | 5,305 |
| OK | 5,064 | 5,243 | 5,212 | 5,012 | 4,038 | 4,512 |
| LA & MO | 8,190 | 7,919 | 7,958 | 9,823 | *9,238 | 9,403 |
| 19 State Total | *164,318 | *165,317 | *167,029 | *170,423 | *169,083 | 170,812 |

* Revised.