



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 16, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 151 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 16, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through March 16, 2002 were 1.64 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 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 16, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 16, 2002. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through March 16, 2002 in the 19 States totaled 1.85 billion.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 9 2002	Feb 16 2002	Feb 23 2002	Mar 2 2002	Mar 9 2002	Mar 16 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,466	29,627	*29,319	29,647	29,472	29,182
AR	30,232	30,806	30,825	30,859	30,238	29,964
DE	3,631	3,684	3,571	3,442	*3,548	3,559
FL	2,336	2,337	*2,304	2,342	2,331	2,281
GA	31,765	31,494	*31,601	31,499	31,845	31,545
MD	10,036	10,072	10,016	10,002	9,363	10,079
MS	18,905	18,851	19,035	18,774	18,807	18,654
NC	19,271	19,463	*19,526	19,692	18,853	19,524
PA	3,529	3,987	3,975	3,775	*3,889	3,819
SC	4,618	4,945	4,984	4,918	4,819	5,004
TX	15,253	15,358	15,363	15,320	15,324	15,328
VA	6,737	6,535	6,673	6,672	6,660	6,636
CA, TN, & WV	*10,611	*11,085	*11,043	*10,912	*11,708	11,102
15 State Total	*186,390	*188,244	*188,235	*187,854	*186,857	186,677
Previous Year Total	180,246	181,711	184,325	185,689	184,834	184,715
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	102	101	101	101
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	*6,122	*6,479	6,978	*6,680	*6,562	6,311
OK	6,565	6,579	*6,615	*6,402	6,072	6,523
LA & MO	9,122	9,177	9,282	9,357	9,308	8,601
19 State Total	*208,199	*210,479	*211,110	*210,293	*208,799	208,112

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 9 2002	Feb 16 2002	Feb 23 2002	Mar 2 2002	Mar 9 2002	Mar 16 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,915	22,563	22,412	22,042	21,943	21,997
AR	*24,115	*24,984	*24,382	*24,553	*25,518	23,920
DE	4,971	5,785	4,809	4,902	*5,576	5,267
FL	2,473	2,150	*2,510	2,128	2,180	2,277
GA	25,652	25,465	25,452	26,239	26,174	25,721
MD	6,060	5,601	6,776	6,751	*6,291	5,928
MS	15,064	14,925	15,639	15,691	15,720	15,988
NC	14,293	14,270	15,387	15,147	15,495	15,377
PA	2,474	2,488	2,505	2,651	*2,660	2,927
SC	3,701	3,893	3,918	3,979	3,914	3,951
TX	11,608	12,132	12,044	12,161	12,216	12,190
VA	4,631	5,137	5,229	5,601	4,962	5,684
CA, TN, & WV	*9,538	9,066	9,162	*9,220	*9,851	9,870
15 State Total	*146,495	*148,459	*150,225	*151,065	*152,500	151,097
Previous Year Total	143,285	141,289	142,593	143,883	146,406	148,973
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	105	105	105	104	101
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	5,716	5,466	5,398	*4,874	*5,273	5,583
OK	5,243	5,212	5,012	4,038	4,512	4,751
LA & MO	7,919	7,958	9,823	9,238	9,403	10,858
19 State Total	*165,373	*167,095	*170,458	*169,215	*171,688	172,289

* Revised.