



# 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 April 13, 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 82 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 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 13, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through April 13, 2002 were 2.25 billion, up 3 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 April 13, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 13, 2002. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through April 13, 2002 in the 19 States totaled 2.53 billion.*

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 9 2002	Mar 16 2002	Mar 23 2002	Mar 30 2002	Apr 6 2002	Apr 13 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,634	28,845	29,520	29,543	29,181	29,235
AR	30,238	29,964	*30,641	29,747	30,730	30,962
DE	3,548	3,559	3,471	3,537	3,556	3,545
FL	2,331	2,281	2,317	2,368	2,335	2,349
GA	31,845	31,545	31,874	31,333	*32,135	31,954
MD	9,467	10,079	9,223	9,618	9,979	9,710
MS	18,807	18,654	18,827	18,945	19,079	19,024
NC	19,048	19,428	*19,154	19,104	19,565	18,842
PA	3,889	4,005	3,693	*3,720	*4,001	3,835
SC	4,819	5,004	*5,050	4,717	*4,709	4,781
TX	15,319	15,318	15,366	15,368	15,560	15,463
VA	6,660	6,636	6,599	6,573	6,041	6,504
CA, TN, & WV	*12,164	*11,125	*11,144	*11,087	*11,378	11,640
15 State Total	*187,769	*186,443	*186,879	*185,660	*188,249	187,844
Previous Year Total	184,834	184,715	184,449	182,666	186,553	185,511
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	101	102	101	101
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	6,562	*6,341	6,326	6,326	*6,798	6,724
OK	6,072	6,523	6,370	6,271	6,449	6,339
LA & MO	9,308	8,694	8,964	8,960	9,215	9,227
19 State Total	*209,711	*208,001	*208,539	*207,217	*210,711	210,134

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 9 2002	Mar 16 2002	Mar 23 2002	Mar 30 2002	Apr 6 2002	Apr 13 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,943	21,997	22,769	22,372	21,763	21,953
AR	25,518	23,918	23,490	24,294	24,056	24,951
DE	5,576	5,239	5,167	4,762	5,708	4,734
FL	2,180	2,277	2,165	2,215	2,321	2,243
GA	26,174	25,927	25,692	26,126	*26,128	25,895
MD	6,293	5,874	5,970	6,050	5,815	5,944
MS	15,720	15,988	15,553	15,550	15,542	15,423
NC	15,495	15,377	15,734	15,491	14,771	15,423
PA	2,660	2,798	2,717	*2,719	*2,693	2,722
SC	3,914	3,951	3,805	3,829	*3,623	4,143
TX	12,212	12,186	12,157	12,096	*12,102	12,215
VA	4,962	5,764	5,734	5,661	6,211	5,376
CA, TN, & WV	9,851	*9,873	*9,690	*10,850	*9,783	9,323
15 State Total	152,498	*151,169	*150,643	*152,015	*150,516	150,345
Previous Year Total	146,406	148,973	150,747	150,234	148,386	149,232
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	101	100	101	101	101
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	5,273	5,589	5,368	5,330	*5,149	5,144
OK	4,512	4,751	4,770	4,928	5,377	4,778
LA & MO	9,403	10,873	10,373	8,875	7,755	8,808
19 State Total	171,686	*172,382	*171,154	*171,148	*168,797	169,075

\* Revised.