



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 186 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 27, 2002. This was up slightly 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 153 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 27, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through April 27, 2002 were 2.55 billion, up 2 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 April 27, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 27, 2002. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through April 27, 2002 in the 19 States totaled 2.88 billion.*

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 23 2002	Mar 30 2002	Apr 6 2002	Apr 13 2002	Apr 20 2002	Apr 27 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,520	29,543	*29,691	29,432	29,297	29,268
AR	30,641	29,747	30,730	30,962	30,175	30,698
DE	3,471	3,537	3,556	3,545	3,501	3,583
FL	2,317	2,368	*2,375	2,349	2,363	2,390
GA	31,874	31,260	*32,327	31,948	*32,277	30,935
MD	9,223	9,618	9,979	9,710	*9,962	9,803
MS	18,827	*19,114	19,079	19,024	18,645	18,097
NC	19,154	19,347	*19,685	18,842	20,269	19,585
PA	3,693	3,720	4,001	*3,851	*3,933	3,907
SC	5,050	4,717	4,709	4,781	4,668	4,751
TX	15,366	15,368	15,560	15,463	15,461	15,544
VA	6,599	6,573	*6,492	6,504	6,451	6,503
CA, TN, & WV	*11,367	*11,310	*11,725	*11,901	*11,551	11,355
15 State Total	*187,102	*186,222	*189,909	*188,312	*188,553	186,419
Previous Year Total	185,973	184,466	188,248	187,312	185,833	185,626
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	101	101	101	100
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	6,326	6,326	6,798	6,724	6,607	6,292
OK	6,370	6,271	6,449	6,339	6,592	6,478
LA & MO	8,964	8,960	9,215	9,227	*9,076	9,147
19 State Total	*208,762	*207,779	*212,371	*210,602	*210,828	208,336

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 23 2002	Mar 30 2002	Apr 6 2002	Apr 13 2002	Apr 20 2002	Apr 27 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,769	22,372	21,763	22,191	22,148	22,014
AR	23,490	24,294	24,056	24,951	23,786	24,331
DE	5,167	4,762	5,708	4,734	*4,886	5,393
FL	2,165	2,215	2,321	2,303	2,591	2,428
GA	*25,711	26,126	26,128	*25,930	*25,517	26,800
MD	5,970	6,050	5,815	5,944	*6,477	5,903
MS	15,553	15,550	15,542	15,423	16,057	16,111
NC	15,734	15,491	14,771	15,423	15,161	15,260
PA	2,717	2,719	2,693	*2,627	*2,591	2,878
SC	3,805	3,829	3,623	4,143	*4,377	3,865
TX	12,157	12,096	12,102	12,215	12,235	12,323
VA	5,734	5,661	6,211	5,376	*5,180	5,249
CA, TN, & WV	*9,863	*11,025	*9,957	*9,525	*9,529	10,159
15 State Total	*150,835	*152,190	*150,690	*150,785	*150,535	152,714
Previous Year Total	152,217	151,659	149,544	150,134	147,931	150,873
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	101	100	102	101
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	5,368	5,330	5,149	5,144	5,271	5,639
OK	4,770	4,928	5,377	4,778	4,642	5,489
LA & MO	10,373	8,875	7,755	8,808	8,773	8,684
19 State Total	*171,346	*171,323	*168,971	*169,515	*169,221	172,526

\* Revised.