



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 25, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 25, 2002. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through May 25, 2002 were 3.56 billion.

*The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.*

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 20 2002	Apr 27 2002	May 4 2002	May 11 2002	May 18 2002	May 25 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,390	29,409	*29,791	29,988	30,140	29,963
AR	30,175	30,698	29,253	30,436	31,108	31,029
DE	3,501	3,583	3,624	3,625	3,736	3,741
FL	2,363	2,390	2,400	2,418	2,403	2,383
GA	32,277	31,935	*31,548	32,938	*32,823	32,656
KY	6,625	6,376	7,074	6,539	6,698	7,001
MD	9,962	9,803	10,060	10,054	10,053	10,030
MS	18,645	18,157	19,020	19,115	19,212	19,161
NC	20,170	19,594	*19,611	19,956	19,865	19,419
OK	6,592	6,478	6,411	6,063	6,745	6,769
PA	3,933	*3,934	*3,784	*3,480	*3,871	3,949
SC	4,668	4,751	4,549	4,785	4,805	4,791
TX	15,439	15,522	15,482	15,513	15,393	15,281
VA	6,451	6,503	6,588	6,450	6,561	6,588
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	20,658	*20,547	20,442	20,804	20,743	20,702
19 State Total	210,849	*209,680	*209,637	*212,164	*214,156	213,463
Previous Year Total	208,047	207,599	208,126	210,727	210,697	211,382
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	101	101	102	101

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 20 2002	Apr 27 2002	May 4 2002	May 11 2002	May 18 2002	May 25 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,148	22,014	22,398	22,425	*22,408	22,923
AR	23,786	24,331	24,356	23,986	24,545	23,247
DE	4,886	5,072	5,287	6,096	4,473	5,587
FL	2,591	2,428	2,377	2,160	2,302	2,307
GA	25,517	26,800	*26,204	26,533	*25,800	25,076
KY	5,182	5,628	5,513	5,493	5,326	5,810
MD	6,477	6,225	6,176	5,399	6,407	5,845
MS	16,057	16,111	16,013	15,569	15,169	16,034
NC	15,161	15,260	15,213	15,708	15,565	15,574
OK	4,642	5,489	3,444	5,395	4,500	5,210
PA	2,591	2,856	*2,734	*2,720	*2,702	2,727
SC	4,377	3,865	3,828	3,766	3,800	3,899
TX	12,243	12,330	12,188	12,167	12,202	12,275
VA	5,180	5,249	5,186	5,211	5,585	5,541
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	18,319	18,928	21,577	18,595	*20,188	19,351
19 State Total	169,157	172,586	*172,494	*171,223	*170,972	171,406
Previous Year Total	166,671	170,301	169,232	169,409	168,987	168,596
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	102	101	101	102

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