



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 31, 2002. This was up slightly 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 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 31, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through August 31, 2002 were 5.94 billion.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 27 2002	Aug 3 2002	Aug 10 2002	Aug 17 2002	Aug 24 2002	Aug 31 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,784	29,659	*28,944	29,606	29,028	29,353
AR	30,422	30,322	*29,454	29,108	29,869	29,734
DE	3,578	3,611	3,684	3,543	3,451	3,421
FL	2,282	2,318	*2,058	2,280	2,250	2,101
GA	32,223	32,390	*32,029	31,137	31,518	31,553
KY	6,639	6,649	*6,693	6,663	*6,861	6,509
MD	9,808	10,003	9,889	9,927	9,862	10,049
MS	19,058	19,118	*19,075	18,865	18,706	18,516
NC	18,460	18,636	*18,224	18,198	17,969	17,740
OK	6,817	6,698	6,848	6,707	6,697	6,663
PA	3,681	3,717	3,676	*3,753	*3,759	3,731
SC	4,751	4,839	4,917	4,979	5,070	4,864
TX	14,687	14,761	14,234	14,551	13,528	14,347
VA	6,054	6,305	6,276	6,145	6,300	6,354
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	19,706	20,418	19,620	19,929	19,783	19,726
19 State Total	207,950	209,444	*205,621	*205,391	*204,651	204,661
Previous Year Total	204,300	206,930	204,638	207,243	207,346	204,622
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	100	99	99	100

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 27 2002	Aug 3 2002	Aug 10 2002	Aug 17 2002	Aug 24 2002	Aug 31 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,793	22,469	22,225	22,570	22,617	21,576
AR	24,202	24,227	23,510	24,158	23,964	23,921
DE	5,681	5,248	4,883	5,696	4,806	5,308
FL	2,406	2,334	2,312	2,111	2,136	2,126
GA	25,558	26,372	25,785	*25,824	*25,541	25,827
KY	5,340	5,460	5,510	5,347	*5,361	5,431
MD	5,516	5,326	6,251	5,749	6,291	6,114
MS	15,401	16,020	*15,657	15,854	15,989	15,956
NC	15,056	14,934	14,366	14,629	15,099	14,679
OK	3,985	4,936	5,014	3,941	4,751	4,143
PA	2,767	2,775	2,801	*2,680	*2,774	2,704
SC	3,633	3,400	4,005	4,286	3,786	4,118
TX	11,998	11,729	11,657	11,632	11,729	11,146
VA	5,126	5,846	5,671	4,722	5,419	4,959
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	18,977	18,559	18,569	18,343	18,023	18,764
19 State Total	167,439	169,635	*168,216	*167,542	*168,286	166,772
Previous Year Total	164,605	167,418	168,196	165,060	167,386	165,420
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	100	102	101	101

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