



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 7, 2002. This was up 3 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 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 7, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through September 7, 2002 were 6.11 billion.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Aug 3 2002 | Aug 10 2002 | Aug 17 2002 | Aug 24 2002 | Aug 31 2002 | Sep 7 2002 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 29,659 | 28,944 | *29,380 | 29,028 | 29,353 | 28,871 |
| AR | 30,322 | 29,454 | *29,877 | 29,869 | 29,734 | 29,592 |
| DE | 3,611 | 3,684 | 3,543 | 3,451 | 3,421 | 3,480 |
| FL | 2,318 | 2,058 | 2,280 | 2,250 | 2,101 | 2,166 |
| GA | 32,390 | 32,029 | 31,137 | 31,518 | 31,553 | 32,029 |
| KY | 6,649 | *6,637 | 6,663 | 6,861 | *6,493 | 6,290 |
| MD | 10,003 | 9,889 | 9,927 | 9,862 | 10,049 | 8,952 |
| MS | 19,118 | 19,075 | 18,865 | 18,706 | 18,516 | 18,560 |
| NC | 18,636 | 18,224 | *18,373 | 17,969 | 17,740 | 18,074 |
| OK | 6,698 | 6,848 | 6,707 | 6,697 | 6,663 | 6,685 |
| PA | 3,717 | 3,676 | 3,753 | 3,759 | *3,656 | 3,722 |
| SC | 4,839 | 4,917 | 4,979 | 5,070 | 4,864 | 4,925 |
| TX | *14,763 | *14,236 | *14,554 | *13,531 | *14,350 | 15,198 |
| VA | 6,305 | 6,276 | 6,145 | 6,300 | 6,354 | 6,342 |
| CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV | *20,345 | *19,545 | 19,929 | 19,783 | *19,384 | 19,227 |
| 19 State Total | *209,373 | *205,492 | *206,112 | *204,654 | *204,231 | 204,113 |
| Previous Year Total | 206,930 | 204,638 | 207,243 | 207,346 | 204,622 | 198,093 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 101 | 100 | 99 | 99 | 100 | 103 |

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Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Aug 3 2002 | Aug 10 2002 | Aug 17 2002 | Aug 24 2002 | Aug 31 2002 | Sep 7 2002 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 22,469 | 22,225 | 22,570 | 22,617 | 21,576 | 22,466 |
| AR | 24,227 | 23,510 | 24,158 | 23,964 | *23,913 | 23,546 |
| DE | 5,248 | 4,883 | 5,696 | 4,806 | *5,511 | 5,394 |
| FL | 2,334 | 2,312 | 2,111 | 2,136 | 2,126 | 2,222 |
| GA | 26,372 | 25,785 | 25,824 | 25,541 | 25,827 | 25,660 |
| KY | 5,460 | 5,510 | 5,347 | 5,361 | *5,384 | 5,459 |
| MD | 5,326 | 6,251 | 5,749 | 6,291 | *6,255 | 6,270 |
| MS | 16,020 | 15,657 | 15,854 | 15,989 | 15,956 | 15,940 |
| NC | 14,934 | 14,366 | 14,629 | 15,099 | 14,679 | 14,700 |
| OK | 4,936 | 5,014 | 3,941 | 4,751 | 4,143 | 4,742 |
| PA | 2,775 | 2,801 | 2,680 | 2,774 | *2,739 | 2,770 |
| SC | 3,400 | 4,005 | 4,286 | 3,786 | 4,118 | 3,827 |
| TX | 11,729 | *11,658 | *11,633 | *11,731 | *11,155 | 11,426 |
| VA | 5,846 | 5,671 | 4,722 | 5,419 | *4,613 | 4,611 |
| CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV | 18,559 | *18,508 | *18,284 | *17,965 | *18,754 | 18,959 |
| 19 State Total | 169,635 | *168,156 | *167,484 | *168,230 | *166,749 | 167,992 |
| Previous Year Total | 167,418 | 168,196 | 165,060 | 167,386 | 165,420 | 167,090 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 101 | 100 | 101 | 101 | 101 | 101 |

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