



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 194 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 14, 2002. This was down 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 Down 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 14, 2002. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through September 14, 2002 were 6.28 billion.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 10 2002	Aug 17 2002	Aug 24 2002	Aug 31 2002	Sep 7 2002	Sep 14 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,944	29,380	*28,908	29,353	28,871	28,010
AR	29,454	29,877	29,869	29,734	29,592	28,216
DE	3,684	3,543	3,451	3,421	3,480	3,356
FL	2,058	2,280	2,250	2,101	2,166	2,166
GA	32,029	31,137	31,518	31,553	32,029	30,053
KY	6,637	6,663	6,861	6,493	6,290	6,385
MD	9,889	9,927	9,862	10,049	8,952	9,062
MS	19,075	18,865	18,706	18,516	18,560	17,683
NC	18,224	18,373	*18,188	17,740	18,074	17,001
OK	6,848	6,707	6,697	6,663	6,685	6,652
PA	3,676	3,753	3,759	*3,655	3,722	3,540
SC	4,917	4,979	5,070	4,864	4,925	4,937
TX	14,236	14,554	13,531	14,350	15,198	14,687
VA	6,276	6,145	6,300	6,354	*6,227	5,809
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	19,545	*19,933	*19,964	*19,590	*19,545	16,887
19 State Total	205,492	*206,116	*204,934	*204,436	*204,316	194,444
Previous Year Total	204,638	207,243	207,346	204,622	198,093	194,686
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	99	100	103	100

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 10 2002	Aug 17 2002	Aug 24 2002	Aug 31 2002	Sep 7 2002	Sep 14 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,225	22,570	22,617	21,576	*22,701	21,866
AR	23,510	24,158	23,964	23,913	23,546	24,824
DE	4,883	5,696	4,806	5,511	5,394	5,000
FL	2,312	2,111	2,136	2,126	2,222	1,938
GA	25,785	25,824	25,541	25,827	*25,074	25,860
KY	5,510	5,347	5,361	5,384	5,459	5,563
MD	6,251	5,749	6,291	6,255	6,270	6,078
MS	15,657	15,854	15,989	15,956	15,940	15,372
NC	14,366	14,629	15,099	14,679	14,700	14,308
OK	5,014	3,941	4,751	4,143	4,742	4,136
PA	2,801	2,680	2,774	*2,746	2,770	2,759
SC	4,005	4,286	3,786	4,118	3,827	4,111
TX	11,658	11,633	11,731	11,155	11,426	10,575
VA	5,671	4,722	5,419	4,613	4,611	5,422
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	18,508	18,284	*17,574	*18,614	*18,601	18,717
19 State Total	168,156	167,484	*167,839	*166,616	*167,283	166,529
Previous Year Total	168,196	165,060	167,386	165,420	167,090	167,537
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	100	101	100	99

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