



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 191 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 21, 2002. This was down 5 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 21, 2002. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through September 21, 2002 were 6.44 billion.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 17 2002	Aug 24 2002	Aug 31 2002	Sep 7 2002	Sep 14 2002	Sep 21 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,380	28,908	*29,019	28,871	28,010	28,121
AR	29,877	29,869	29,734	29,592	28,216	29,050
DE	3,543	3,451	3,421	3,480	*3,351	3,256
FL	2,280	2,250	2,101	2,166	2,166	2,192
GA	31,137	31,518	31,553	32,029	*29,350	30,228
KY	6,663	*6,813	6,493	6,290	*6,382	5,918
MD	9,927	9,862	10,049	8,952	*9,061	8,711
MS	18,865	18,706	18,516	18,560	17,683	17,540
NC	18,373	18,188	*17,939	18,074	17,001	15,966
OK	6,707	6,697	6,663	6,685	6,652	5,975
PA	3,753	3,759	3,655	*3,723	*3,548	3,514
SC	4,979	5,070	4,864	4,925	4,937	4,833
TX	14,554	13,531	14,350	15,198	14,687	13,236
VA	6,145	*6,227	6,354	*6,342	5,809	4,987
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	19,933	*19,960	*19,572	*19,525	*16,799	17,148
19 State Total	206,116	*204,809	*204,283	*204,412	*193,652	190,675
Previous Year Total	207,243	207,346	204,622	198,093	194,686	199,865
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	100	103	99	95

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 17 2002	Aug 24 2002	Aug 31 2002	Sep 7 2002	Sep 14 2002	Sep 21 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,570	22,617	21,576	22,701	21,866	21,523
AR	24,158	23,964	23,913	23,546	24,824	24,206
DE	5,696	4,806	5,511	5,394	*4,889	5,599
FL	2,111	2,136	2,126	2,222	1,938	2,228
GA	25,824	25,541	*25,775	*25,113	*25,937	25,688
KY	5,347	5,361	5,384	5,459	*5,508	5,269
MD	5,749	6,291	6,255	6,270	*6,187	5,780
MS	15,854	15,989	15,956	15,940	15,372	15,340
NC	14,629	15,099	14,679	14,700	14,308	14,240
OK	3,941	4,751	4,143	4,742	4,136	4,623
PA	2,680	2,774	2,746	*2,780	*2,796	2,742
SC	4,286	3,786	4,118	3,827	4,111	4,096
TX	11,633	11,731	11,155	11,426	10,575	11,177
VA	4,722	5,419	4,613	4,611	5,422	4,938
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	18,284	17,574	18,614	18,601	*18,643	17,993
19 State Total	167,484	167,839	*166,564	*167,332	*166,512	165,442
Previous Year Total	165,060	167,386	165,420	167,090	167,537	166,119
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	101	100	99	100

* Revised