



# 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 192 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 28, 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 Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 28, 2002. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through September 28, 2002 were 6.61 billion.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

| State                | Week Ending     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                      | Aug 24<br>2002  | Aug 31<br>2002  | Sep 7<br>2002   | Sep 14<br>2002  | Sep 21<br>2002  | Sep 28<br>2002  |
|                      | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL                   | 28,908          | 29,019          | *28,907         | 28,010          | *28,031         | 27,425          |
| AR                   | 29,869          | 29,734          | 29,592          | *28,201         | 29,050          | 28,177          |
| DE                   | 3,451           | 3,421           | 3,480           | 3,351           | *3,091          | 3,198           |
| FL                   | 2,250           | 2,101           | 2,166           | 2,166           | 2,192           | 2,254           |
| GA                   | 31,518          | 31,553          | 32,029          | 29,350          | 30,228          | 29,102          |
| KY                   | 6,813           | 6,493           | *6,243          | *6,346          | *5,921          | 6,844           |
| MD                   | 9,862           | 10,049          | 8,952           | 9,061           | 8,711           | 8,742           |
| MS                   | 18,706          | 18,516          | 18,560          | 17,683          | 17,540          | 17,244          |
| NC                   | 18,188          | 17,939          | 18,074          | 17,001          | 15,966          | 17,018          |
| OK                   | 6,697           | 6,663           | 6,685           | 6,652           | 5,975           | 4,013           |
| PA                   | 3,759           | 3,655           | 3,723           | 3,548           | *3,357          | 3,391           |
| SC                   | 5,070           | 4,864           | 4,925           | 4,937           | 4,833           | 4,678           |
| TX                   | 13,531          | 14,350          | 15,198          | 14,687          | 13,236          | 15,078          |
| VA                   | 6,227           | 6,354           | 6,342           | 5,809           | 4,987           | 6,225           |
| CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV | 19,960          | *19,590         | *19,545         | *16,833         | 17,148          | 18,656          |
| 19 State Total       | 204,809         | *204,301        | *204,421        | *193,635        | *190,266        | 192,045         |
| Previous Year Total  | 207,346         | 204,622         | 198,093         | 194,686         | 199,865         | 201,736         |
| Pct. of Prev. Year   | 99              | 100             | 103             | 99              | 95              | 95              |

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**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

| State                | Week Ending     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                      | Aug 24<br>2002  | Aug 31<br>2002  | Sep 7<br>2002   | Sep 14<br>2002  | Sep 21<br>2002  | Sep 28<br>2002  |
|                      | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL                   | 22,617          | 21,576          | 22,701          | 21,866          | *21,530         | 21,738          |
| AR                   | 23,964          | 23,913          | *23,531         | *24,809         | *24,224         | 23,894          |
| DE                   | 4,806           | 5,511           | 5,394           | 4,889           | *5,601          | 4,801           |
| FL                   | 2,136           | 2,126           | 2,222           | 1,938           | 2,228           | 2,110           |
| GA                   | *25,384         | *25,694         | *25,094         | *26,190         | 25,688          | 26,424          |
| KY                   | 5,361           | 5,384           | 5,459           | *5,518          | *5,260          | 5,039           |
| MD                   | 6,291           | 6,255           | 6,270           | 6,187           | *5,765          | 5,425           |
| MS                   | 15,989          | 15,956          | 15,940          | 15,372          | 15,340          | 15,348          |
| NC                   | 15,099          | 14,679          | 14,700          | 14,308          | 14,240          | 14,070          |
| OK                   | 4,751           | 4,143           | 4,742           | 4,136           | 4,623           | 3,846           |
| PA                   | 2,774           | 2,746           | 2,780           | 2,796           | *2,782          | 2,798           |
| SC                   | 3,786           | 4,118           | 3,827           | 4,111           | 4,096           | 3,498           |
| TX                   | 11,731          | 11,155          | 11,426          | 10,575          | 11,177          | 11,886          |
| VA                   | 5,419           | 4,613           | 4,611           | 5,422           | 4,938           | 5,204           |
| CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV | 17,574          | 18,614          | 18,601          | 18,643          | 17,993          | 19,169          |
| 19 State Total       | *167,682        | *166,483        | *167,298        | *166,760        | *165,485        | 165,250         |
| Previous Year Total  | 167,386         | 165,420         | 167,090         | 167,537         | 166,119         | 160,598         |
| Pct. of Prev. Year   | 100             | 101             | 100             | 100             | 100             | 103             |

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