



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 186 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 19, 2002. This was down 2 percent 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 155 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 19, 2002. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through October 19, 2002 were 7.07 billion.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 14 2002	Sep 21 2002	Sep 28 2002	Oct 5 2002	Oct 12 2002	Oct 19 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,661	27,859	*27,062	27,660	27,320	26,294
AR	28,201	29,050	28,177	27,703	28,585	27,187
DE	3,351	3,091	3,198	3,408	3,293	3,292
FL	2,166	2,192	*2,304	2,168	2,130	2,324
GA	28,968	*30,080	*28,679	29,882	*29,916	28,020
KY	6,217	5,693	*6,462	6,318	*5,808	5,148
MD	9,061	8,711	9,242	8,898	9,510	9,438
MS	17,502	17,661	*17,305	17,390	17,522	16,503
NC	16,240	16,025	*17,460	16,611	17,243	16,933
OK	6,652	5,975	4,013	4,631	5,498	6,249
PA	3,550	3,358	*3,519	*3,709	*3,490	3,418
SC	4,937	4,833	4,678	4,885	4,480	4,641
TX	14,677	13,225	15,067	14,410	13,910	13,046
VA	5,809	4,987	6,104	5,751	5,729	5,689
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	16,833	17,036	*18,556	*18,762	*18,452	17,660
19 State Total	191,825	*189,776	*191,826	*192,186	*192,886	185,842
Previous Year Total	194,686	199,865	201,736	205,355	196,919	189,784
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	95	95	94	98	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 14 2002	Sep 21 2002	Sep 28 2002	Oct 5 2002	Oct 12 2002	Oct 19 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,866	21,530	21,738	20,473	*21,008	21,211
AR	*24,959	*24,374	*24,044	*21,555	*23,404	21,930
DE	4,889	5,601	4,541	5,255	*4,781	4,600
FL	1,938	2,228	2,110	2,278	1,939	2,027
GA	26,231	*25,494	*26,275	*23,625	*24,663	23,021
KY	5,518	5,260	5,039	5,052	*4,556	5,360
MD	6,187	5,765	5,502	4,934	*4,717	5,687
MS	15,372	15,340	15,348	14,622	14,841	14,650
NC	14,308	14,240	14,070	13,357	12,503	13,753
OK	4,136	4,623	3,846	5,470	4,049	3,584
PA	2,810	2,796	*2,791	*2,621	*2,518	2,539
SC	4,111	4,096	3,498	3,670	3,636	3,575
TX	10,572	11,173	11,883	11,822	10,330	11,894
VA	5,422	4,938	5,204	4,937	4,701	5,401
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	18,585	17,910	18,866	16,990	*16,239	16,138
19 State Total	*166,904	*165,368	*164,755	*156,661	*153,885	155,370
Previous Year Total	167,537	166,119	160,598	156,354	162,521	163,474
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	103	100	95	95

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