



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 3 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 181 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 26, 2002. This was down 3 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 6 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 157 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 26, 2002. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through October 26, 2002 were 7.23 billion.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 21 2002	Sep 28 2002	Oct 5 2002	Oct 12 2002	Oct 19 2002	Oct 26 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,859	27,062	27,660	27,320	26,294	26,230
AR	29,050	28,177	*27,810	*28,385	27,187	25,951
DE	3,091	3,198	3,408	3,293	3,292	3,089
FL	2,192	2,304	*2,318	2,130	2,324	2,250
GA	30,080	28,679	*29,445	29,916	28,020	27,535
KY	5,693	6,462	*6,189	5,808	5,148	5,499
MD	8,711	9,242	8,898	9,510	*9,317	8,868
MS	17,661	17,305	*17,194	17,522	16,503	15,867
NC	16,025	17,460	*17,501	17,243	16,933	16,886
OK	5,975	4,013	*5,159	*6,026	6,249	5,335
PA	3,358	3,519	3,709	*3,414	*3,286	3,198
SC	4,833	4,678	4,885	4,480	4,641	4,206
TX	13,225	15,067	14,410	13,910	13,046	12,467
VA	4,987	6,104	5,751	5,729	5,689	5,593
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	17,036	18,556	18,762	18,452	*17,824	18,220
19 State Total	189,776	191,826	*193,099	*193,138	*185,753	181,194
Previous Year Total	199,865	201,736	205,355	196,919	189,784	186,671
Pct. of Prev. Year	95	95	94	98	98	97

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 21 2002	Sep 28 2002	Oct 5 2002	Oct 12 2002	Oct 19 2002	Oct 26 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,530	21,738	20,473	21,008	21,211	21,060
AR	24,374	24,044	21,555	23,404	21,930	22,466
DE	5,601	4,541	5,255	4,781	*4,521	4,637
FL	2,228	2,110	*2,328	1,939	2,027	2,017
GA	25,494	26,275	23,625	24,663	23,021	24,014
KY	5,260	5,039	5,052	4,556	5,360	5,075
MD	5,765	5,502	4,934	4,717	*5,750	5,861
MS	15,340	15,348	14,622	14,841	14,650	14,447
NC	14,240	14,070	13,357	12,503	13,753	14,065
OK	4,623	3,846	5,470	*4,050	3,584	3,135
PA	2,796	2,791	2,621	*2,515	*2,525	2,643
SC	4,096	3,498	3,670	3,636	3,575	4,145
TX	11,173	11,883	11,822	10,330	11,894	11,386
VA	4,938	5,204	4,937	4,701	5,401	4,487
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	17,910	18,866	16,990	16,239	*16,161	17,221
19 State Total	165,368	164,755	*156,711	*153,883	*155,363	156,659
Previous Year Total	166,119	160,598	156,354	162,521	163,474	165,891
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	103	100	95	95	94

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