



# 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 191 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 2, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 155 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 2, 2002. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 2, 2002 were 7.38 billion.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 28 2002	Oct 5 2002	Oct 12 2002	Oct 19 2002	Oct 26 2002	Nov 2 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,062	27,660	*27,187	26,294	26,230	26,808
AR	28,177	27,810	28,385	27,187	25,951	27,411
DE	3,198	3,408	3,293	3,292	3,089	3,678
FL	2,304	2,318	2,130	2,324	2,250	2,296
GA	28,679	29,445	*29,817	28,020	*27,372	28,721
KY	6,462	6,189	*5,542	5,148	*5,546	6,006
MD	9,242	8,898	9,510	9,317	8,868	9,132
MS	17,305	17,194	*17,126	16,503	15,867	16,098
NC	17,460	17,501	*16,651	16,933	16,886	17,969
OK	4,013	5,159	6,026	6,249	5,335	5,645
PA	3,519	3,709	3,414	*3,284	3,198	3,390
SC	4,678	4,885	4,480	4,641	4,206	4,622
TX	15,067	14,410	*14,010	13,046	12,467	15,097
VA	6,104	5,751	5,729	5,689	5,593	5,532
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	18,556	18,762	18,452	17,824	18,220	18,603
19 State Total	191,826	193,099	*191,752	*185,751	*181,078	191,008
Previous Year Total	201,736	205,355	196,919	189,784	186,671	196,299
Pct. of Prev. Year	95	94	97	98	97	97

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 28 2002	Oct 5 2002	Oct 12 2002	Oct 19 2002	Oct 26 2002	Nov 2 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,738	20,473	21,008	21,211	21,060	20,531
AR	24,044	21,555	23,404	21,930	22,466	22,239
DE	4,541	5,255	4,781	4,521	4,637	5,252
FL	2,110	2,328	1,939	2,027	2,017	2,071
GA	26,275	23,625	24,663	23,021	*23,892	23,910
KY	5,039	5,052	4,556	5,360	*5,076	4,508
MD	5,502	4,934	4,717	5,750	5,861	5,644
MS	15,348	14,622	14,841	14,650	14,447	14,405
NC	14,070	13,357	12,503	13,753	14,065	13,424
OK	3,846	5,470	4,050	3,584	3,135	4,378
PA	2,791	2,621	2,515	*2,473	2,643	2,407
SC	3,498	3,670	3,636	3,575	4,145	3,579
TX	11,883	11,822	10,330	11,894	11,386	11,093
VA	5,204	4,937	4,701	5,401	4,487	4,618
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	18,866	16,990	16,239	16,161	*17,123	16,743
19 State Total	164,755	156,711	153,883	*155,311	*156,440	154,802
Previous Year Total	160,598	156,354	162,521	163,474	165,891	159,933
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	100	95	95	94	97

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