



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 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 9, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 151 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 9, 2002. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 9, 2002 were 7.53 billion.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 5 2002	Oct 12 2002	Oct 19 2002	Oct 26 2002	Nov 2 2002	Nov 9 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,660	27,187	*26,229	26,230	26,808	27,799
AR	27,810	28,385	27,187	25,951	*27,248	28,284
DE	3,408	3,293	3,292	3,089	3,678	3,480
FL	2,318	2,130	2,324	2,250	2,296	2,137
GA	29,445	29,817	*28,396	*27,399	*28,687	30,267
KY	6,189	5,542	5,148	5,546	*5,989	6,005
MD	8,898	9,510	9,317	8,868	*9,429	9,917
MS	17,194	17,126	*16,594	15,867	16,098	17,708
NC	17,501	16,651	*16,295	16,886	*18,096	17,754
OK	5,159	6,026	6,249	5,335	5,645	6,508
PA	3,709	3,414	3,284	*3,324	3,390	3,394
SC	4,885	4,480	4,641	4,206	4,622	4,660
TX	14,410	14,010	13,046	12,467	*14,487	15,243
VA	5,751	*6,041	5,689	5,593	5,532	6,013
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,689	*18,491	*17,653	18,220	18,603	19,594
19 State Total	*193,026	*192,103	*185,344	*181,231	*190,608	198,763
Previous Year Total	205,355	196,919	189,784	186,671	196,299	204,751
Pct. of Prev. Year	94	98	98	97	97	97

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 5 2002	Oct 12 2002	Oct 19 2002	Oct 26 2002	Nov 2 2002	Nov 9 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,473	21,008	21,211	21,060	20,531	19,883
AR	21,555	23,404	21,930	22,466	*22,202	22,150
DE	5,255	4,781	4,521	4,637	*5,549	5,279
FL	2,328	1,939	2,027	2,017	2,071	1,989
GA	23,625	24,663	*23,051	*23,955	*23,888	23,614
KY	5,052	4,556	5,360	5,076	*4,511	4,229
MD	4,934	4,717	5,750	5,861	*5,165	5,156
MS	14,622	14,841	14,650	14,447	14,405	13,844
NC	13,357	12,503	13,753	14,065	13,424	12,777
OK	5,470	4,050	3,584	3,135	4,378	4,142
PA	2,621	2,515	2,473	*2,712	2,407	2,317
SC	3,670	3,636	3,575	4,145	3,579	3,807
TX	11,822	10,330	11,894	11,386	11,093	10,418
VA	4,937	4,701	5,401	4,487	*5,019	4,717
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,932	*16,180	*16,120	*17,065	16,743	16,737
19 State Total	*156,653	*153,824	*155,300	*156,514	*154,965	151,059
Previous Year Total	156,354	162,521	163,474	165,891	159,933	153,671
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	95	95	94	97	98

* Revised