



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 4 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 198 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 16, 2002. This was down 4 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 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 16, 2002. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 16, 2002 were 7.68 billion.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 12 2002	Oct 19 2002	Oct 26 2002	Nov 2 2002	Nov 9 2002	Nov 16 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,187	26,229	*25,481	26,808	27,799	27,523
AR	28,385	27,187	25,951	27,248	28,284	29,119
DE	3,293	3,292	3,089	3,678	3,480	3,397
FL	2,130	2,324	*2,305	2,296	2,137	2,250
GA	29,817	28,396	27,399	28,687	30,267	30,194
KY	5,542	5,148	*5,650	5,989	*6,223	6,591
MD	9,510	9,317	8,868	9,429	9,917	9,238
MS	17,126	16,594	*16,215	16,098	17,708	17,822
NC	16,651	16,295	*17,120	18,096	17,754	17,386
OK	6,026	6,249	5,335	5,645	6,508	6,391
PA	3,414	3,284	3,324	*3,447	*3,337	3,416
SC	4,480	4,641	4,206	4,622	*4,659	4,709
TX	14,010	13,046	12,467	14,487	15,243	14,762
VA	6,041	5,689	5,593	5,532	6,013	6,105
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	18,491	17,653	*18,204	*18,524	*19,181	19,178
19 State Total	192,103	185,344	*181,207	*190,586	*198,510	198,081
Previous Year Total	196,919	189,784	186,671	196,299	204,751	205,712
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	97	97	97	96

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 12 2002	Oct 19 2002	Oct 26 2002	Nov 2 2002	Nov 9 2002	Nov 16 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,008	21,211	21,060	20,531	19,883	19,494
AR	23,404	21,930	22,466	22,202	22,150	20,334
DE	4,781	4,521	4,637	5,549	5,279	4,245
FL	1,939	2,027	2,017	2,071	1,989	2,270
GA	24,663	23,051	23,955	*24,000	*23,524	21,700
KY	4,556	5,360	5,076	4,511	*4,213	4,505
MD	4,717	5,750	5,861	5,165	5,156	5,965
MS	14,841	14,650	14,447	14,405	13,844	13,673
NC	12,503	13,753	14,065	13,424	12,777	13,951
OK	4,050	3,584	3,135	4,378	4,142	3,895
PA	2,515	2,473	2,712	*2,454	*2,287	2,455
SC	3,636	3,575	4,145	3,579	*3,795	3,510
TX	10,330	11,894	11,386	11,093	10,418	10,040
VA	4,701	5,401	4,487	5,019	4,717	4,297
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	16,180	16,120	*17,097	*16,765	*17,394	16,990
19 State Total	153,824	155,300	*156,546	*155,146	*151,568	147,324
Previous Year Total	162,521	163,474	165,891	159,933	153,671	150,878
Pct. of Prev. Year	95	95	94	97	99	98

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