



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 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 23, 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 23, 2002. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 23, 2002 were 7.84 billion.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 19 2002	Oct 26 2002	Nov 2 2002	Nov 9 2002	Nov 16 2002	Nov 23 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,229	25,481	*25,946	27,799	27,523	27,694
AR	27,187	25,951	27,248	28,284	29,119	29,627
DE	3,292	3,089	3,678	3,480	3,397	3,376
FL	2,324	2,305	2,296	2,137	2,250	2,260
GA	28,396	27,399	*28,366	30,267	*30,137	29,690
KY	5,148	5,650	5,989	6,223	*6,578	6,381
MD	9,317	8,868	9,429	9,917	9,238	9,263
MS	16,594	16,215	*16,370	17,708	17,822	17,771
NC	16,295	17,120	*18,187	17,754	17,386	18,182
OK	6,249	5,335	5,645	6,508	6,391	6,407
PA	3,284	3,324	3,447	3,337	3,416	3,642
SC	4,641	4,206	4,622	4,659	4,709	4,415
TX	13,046	12,467	14,487	15,243	14,762	15,227
VA	5,689	5,593	5,532	6,013	6,105	6,224
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	17,653	18,204	18,524	*19,067	*19,203	19,354
19 State Total	185,344	181,207	*189,766	*198,396	*198,036	199,513
Previous Year Total	189,784	186,671	196,299	204,751	205,712	205,396
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	97	97	97	96	97

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 19 2002	Oct 26 2002	Nov 2 2002	Nov 9 2002	Nov 16 2002	Nov 23 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,211	21,060	20,531	19,883	19,494	19,790
AR	21,930	22,466	22,202	22,150	20,334	22,792
DE	4,521	4,637	5,549	5,279	4,245	4,917
FL	2,027	2,017	2,071	1,989	2,270	2,348
GA	23,051	23,955	24,000	23,524	*21,534	22,781
KY	5,360	5,076	4,511	4,213	4,505	4,812
MD	5,750	5,861	5,165	5,156	5,965	6,169
MS	14,650	14,447	14,405	13,844	13,673	13,872
NC	13,753	14,065	13,424	12,777	13,951	14,207
OK	3,584	3,135	4,378	4,142	3,895	3,269
PA	2,473	2,712	2,454	2,287	2,455	2,580
SC	3,575	4,145	3,579	3,795	3,510	3,684
TX	11,894	11,386	11,093	10,418	10,040	11,624
VA	5,401	4,487	5,019	4,717	4,297	4,444
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	16,120	17,097	16,765	*17,347	*17,366	17,269
19 State Total	155,300	156,546	155,146	*151,521	*147,534	154,558
Previous Year Total	163,474	165,891	159,933	153,671	150,878	158,581
Pct. of Prev. Year	95	94	97	99	98	97

* Revised