



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 30, 2002. This was down 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 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 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 30, 2002. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 30, 2002 were 8.00 billion.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 26 2002	Nov 2 2002	Nov 9 2002	Nov 16 2002	Nov 23 2002	Nov 30 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	25,481	25,946	27,799	27,523	*27,664	28,164
AR	25,951	27,248	28,284	29,119	*29,624	29,362
DE	3,089	3,678	3,480	3,397	3,376	3,600
FL	2,305	2,296	*2,187	2,250	2,260	2,258
GA	27,399	28,366	30,267	30,137	29,690	29,919
KY	5,650	*6,139	*6,350	6,578	*6,514	6,271
MD	8,868	9,429	9,917	9,238	*9,249	9,890
MS	16,215	16,370	*17,859	17,822	17,771	18,691
NC	17,120	18,187	*17,721	17,386	18,182	17,795
OK	5,335	5,645	6,508	6,391	6,407	6,320
PA	3,324	3,447	3,337	*3,146	*3,697	3,489
SC	4,206	4,622	4,659	4,709	4,415	4,632
TX	12,467	14,487	*15,343	14,762	15,227	14,944
VA	5,593	5,532	6,013	6,105	6,224	6,211
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,215	*18,522	*19,038	*19,235	*19,419	19,297
19 State Total	*181,218	*189,914	*198,762	*197,798	*199,719	200,843
Previous Year Total	186,671	196,299	204,751	205,712	205,396	211,929
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	97	97	96	97	95

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 26 2002	Nov 2 2002	Nov 9 2002	Nov 16 2002	Nov 23 2002	Nov 30 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,060	20,531	19,883	19,494	*19,786	20,386
AR	22,466	22,202	22,150	20,334	*22,968	21,996
DE	4,637	5,549	5,279	4,245	*4,909	4,810
FL	2,017	2,071	1,989	2,270	2,348	2,467
GA	23,955	24,000	23,524	21,534	22,781	24,254
KY	5,076	4,511	*4,430	4,505	*4,887	5,096
MD	5,861	5,165	5,156	5,965	*6,160	6,131
MS	14,447	14,405	13,844	13,673	13,872	15,265
NC	14,065	13,424	12,777	13,951	*14,230	14,092
OK	3,135	4,378	4,142	3,895	3,269	5,144
PA	2,712	2,454	2,287	*2,391	*2,591	2,527
SC	4,145	3,579	3,795	3,510	3,684	3,870
TX	11,386	11,093	10,418	10,040	11,624	12,242
VA	4,487	5,019	4,717	4,297	4,444	5,288
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,101	*16,768	*17,356	*17,382	*17,463	17,472
19 State Total	*156,550	*155,149	*151,747	*147,486	*155,016	161,040
Previous Year Total	165,891	159,933	153,671	150,878	158,581	165,267
Pct. of Prev. Year	94	97	99	98	98	97

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