



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 7, 2002. This was down 2 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 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 7, 2002. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through December 7, 2002 were 8.16 billion.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 2 2002	Nov 9 2002	Nov 16 2002	Nov 23 2002	Nov 30 2002	Dec 7 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	25,946	27,799	*27,749	27,664	28,164	27,958
AR	27,248	28,284	*29,457	29,624	29,362	29,336
DE	3,678	3,480	3,397	3,376	3,600	3,415
FL	2,296	2,187	*2,330	2,260	2,258	1,582
GA	*28,304	*29,807	*30,628	*29,770	*29,946	30,627
KY	6,139	*6,178	*6,739	6,514	*6,066	6,636
MD	9,429	9,917	9,238	9,249	9,890	9,947
MS	16,370	17,859	17,822	17,771	18,691	18,505
NC	18,187	17,721	*17,379	18,182	17,795	18,174
OK	5,645	*6,367	6,391	6,407	6,320	6,386
PA	3,447	3,337	3,146	3,697	3,489	3,501
SC	4,622	4,659	4,709	4,415	4,632	4,526
TX	*14,486	*15,342	*14,759	*15,225	*14,941	14,875
VA	5,532	6,013	6,105	6,224	6,211	5,984
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,477	*18,994	19,235	19,419	*19,777	19,275
19 State Total	*189,806	*197,944	*199,084	*199,797	*201,142	200,727
Previous Year Total	196,299	204,751	205,712	205,396	211,929	204,465
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	97	97	97	95	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 2 2002	Nov 9 2002	Nov 16 2002	Nov 23 2002	Nov 30 2002	Dec 7 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,531	19,883	19,494	19,786	20,386	20,953
AR	22,202	22,150	*20,431	22,968	21,996	23,291
DE	5,549	5,279	4,245	4,909	4,810	5,314
FL	2,071	1,989	2,270	2,348	2,467	2,091
GA	24,000	23,524	21,534	*22,866	*24,229	25,115
KY	4,511	4,430	4,505	4,887	*5,020	5,443
MD	5,165	5,156	5,965	6,160	6,131	5,312
MS	14,405	13,844	13,673	13,872	15,265	15,125
NC	13,424	12,777	13,951	14,230	*14,122	13,595
OK	4,378	4,142	3,895	3,269	5,144	4,525
PA	2,454	2,287	2,391	2,591	2,527	2,366
SC	3,579	3,795	3,510	3,684	3,870	3,440
TX	*11,096	*10,417	10,040	*11,623	*12,241	11,711
VA	5,019	4,717	4,297	4,444	5,288	4,861
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,725	*17,301	*17,327	*17,422	*18,253	18,823
19 State Total	*155,109	*151,691	*147,528	*155,059	*161,749	161,965
Previous Year Total	159,933	153,671	150,878	158,581	165,267	167,382
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	99	98	98	98	97

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