



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 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 14, 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 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 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 14, 2002. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through December 14, 2002 were 8.32 billion.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 9 2002	Nov 16 2002	Nov 23 2002	Nov 30 2002	Dec 7 2002	Dec 14 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,799	27,749	*27,667	28,164	27,958	27,883
AR	28,284	29,457	29,624	29,362	29,336	30,240
DE	3,480	3,397	3,376	3,600	3,415	3,389
FL	2,187	2,330	*2,320	2,258	1,582	1,592
GA	29,807	30,628	*29,897	29,946	30,627	30,540
KY	6,178	6,739	*6,528	6,066	6,636	6,741
MD	9,917	9,238	9,249	9,890	*9,933	9,925
MS	17,859	17,822	*18,013	18,691	18,505	18,826
NC	17,721	17,379	*18,455	17,795	*18,207	18,605
OK	6,367	6,391	6,407	6,320	6,386	6,243
PA	3,337	3,146	*3,709	*3,738	*3,599	3,643
SC	4,659	4,709	4,415	4,632	4,526	4,676
TX	15,342	14,759	15,225	14,941	14,875	15,131
VA	6,013	6,105	6,224	6,211	5,984	6,230
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	18,994	19,235	19,419	19,777	19,275	20,179
19 State Total	197,944	199,084	*200,528	*201,391	*200,844	203,843
Previous Year Total	204,751	205,712	205,396	211,929	204,465	207,067
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	97	98	95	98	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 9 2002	Nov 16 2002	Nov 23 2002	Nov 30 2002	Dec 7 2002	Dec 14 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,883	19,494	19,786	20,386	20,953	21,362
AR	22,150	20,431	22,968	21,996	23,291	24,762
DE	5,279	4,245	4,909	4,810	*5,392	5,115
FL	1,989	2,270	2,348	2,467	2,091	1,696
GA	23,524	21,534	22,866	*24,294	25,115	24,719
KY	4,430	4,505	4,887	5,020	5,443	5,378
MD	5,156	5,965	6,160	6,131	*5,221	5,475
MS	13,844	13,673	13,872	15,265	15,125	15,285
NC	12,777	13,951	14,230	14,122	*13,614	14,344
OK	4,142	3,895	3,269	5,144	4,525	3,957
PA	2,287	2,391	*2,585	*2,588	*2,299	2,566
SC	3,795	3,510	3,684	3,870	3,440	3,225
TX	10,417	10,040	11,623	12,241	11,711	12,084
VA	4,717	4,297	4,444	5,288	4,861	5,221
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	17,301	17,327	17,422	18,253	18,823	17,556
19 State Total	151,691	147,528	*155,053	*161,875	*161,904	162,745
Previous Year Total	153,671	150,878	158,581	165,267	167,382	166,079
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	98	98	97	98

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