



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 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 21, 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 21, 2002. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through December 21, 2002 were 8.49 billion.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 16 2002	Nov 23 2002	Nov 30 2002	Dec 7 2002	Dec 14 2002	Dec 21 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,749	27,667	28,164	27,958	27,883	27,883
AR	29,457	29,624	29,362	29,336	30,240	30,054
DE	3,397	3,376	3,600	3,415	3,389	3,399
FL	2,330	2,320	2,258	1,582	1,592	1,594
GA	30,628	29,897	*30,424	*30,687	*30,581	29,971
KY	6,739	6,528	*6,174	6,636	6,741	6,519
MD	9,238	9,249	9,890	9,933	9,925	9,834
MS	17,822	18,013	18,691	18,505	18,826	18,627
NC	17,379	18,455	*18,279	18,207	18,605	18,219
OK	6,391	6,407	6,320	6,386	6,243	6,363
PA	3,146	3,709	3,738	3,599	3,643	3,677
SC	4,709	4,415	4,632	4,526	4,676	4,698
TX	14,759	15,225	14,941	14,875	15,131	14,756
VA	6,105	6,224	6,211	5,984	6,230	6,226
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	19,235	19,419	19,777	19,275	20,179	18,849
19 State Total	199,084	200,528	*202,461	*200,904	*203,884	200,669
Previous Year Total	205,712	205,396	211,929	204,465	207,067	208,836
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	98	96	98	98	96

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 16 2002	Nov 23 2002	Nov 30 2002	Dec 7 2002	Dec 14 2002	Dec 21 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,494	19,786	20,386	20,953	21,362	21,620
AR	20,431	22,968	21,996	23,291	24,762	23,161
DE	4,245	4,909	4,810	5,392	5,115	5,494
FL	2,270	2,348	2,467	2,091	1,696	1,720
GA	21,534	22,866	24,294	*25,182	*24,734	24,601
KY	4,505	4,887	5,020	5,443	5,378	5,100
MD	5,965	6,160	6,131	5,221	5,475	5,725
MS	13,673	13,872	15,265	15,125	15,285	15,907
NC	13,951	14,230	14,122	13,614	14,344	14,357
OK	3,895	3,269	5,144	4,525	3,957	4,647
PA	2,391	2,585	2,588	2,299	2,566	2,558
SC	3,510	3,684	3,870	3,440	3,225	3,518
TX	10,040	11,623	12,241	11,711	12,084	11,822
VA	4,297	4,444	5,288	4,861	5,221	5,253
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	17,327	17,422	18,253	18,823	17,556	18,428
19 State Total	147,528	155,053	161,875	*161,971	*162,760	163,911
Previous Year Total	150,878	158,581	165,267	167,382	166,079	170,266
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	98	97	98	96

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