



# 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 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 28, 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 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 28, 2002. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through December 28, 2002 were 8.65 billion.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 23 2002	Nov 30 2002	Dec 7 2002	Dec 14 2002	Dec 21 2002	Dec 28 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,667	28,164	27,958	27,883	27,883	27,892
AR	29,624	29,362	29,336	30,240	30,054	29,685
DE	3,376	3,600	3,415	3,389	3,399	3,484
FL	2,320	2,258	*1,727	1,592	*1,572	1,564
GA	29,897	30,424	*30,418	30,581	*29,982	30,744
KY	6,528	6,174	*6,557	*6,711	*6,460	6,196
MD	9,249	9,890	9,933	9,925	9,834	9,750
MS	18,013	18,691	*18,596	18,826	18,627	18,897
NC	18,455	18,279	*17,594	18,605	18,219	17,743
OK	6,407	6,320	6,386	6,243	6,363	6,027
PA	3,709	3,738	*3,633	*3,733	3,677	3,605
SC	4,415	4,632	4,526	4,676	*4,868	4,863
TX	15,225	14,941	14,875	15,131	14,756	14,887
VA	6,224	6,211	5,984	6,230	6,226	6,233
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,401	*19,771	19,275	*20,058	*19,039	19,540
19 State Total	*200,510	*202,455	*200,213	*203,823	*200,959	201,110
Previous Year Total	205,396	211,929	204,465	207,067	208,836	207,192
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	96	98	98	96	97

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 23 2002	Nov 30 2002	Dec 7 2002	Dec 14 2002	Dec 21 2002	Dec 28 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,786	20,386	20,953	21,362	21,620	21,683
AR	22,968	21,996	23,291	24,762	*23,254	23,721
DE	4,909	4,810	5,392	5,115	*5,313	4,512
FL	2,348	2,467	2,091	1,696	*1,754	1,607
GA	22,866	24,294	25,182	*24,590	*24,746	24,493
KY	4,887	5,020	5,443	*5,390	*5,119	5,316
MD	6,160	6,131	5,221	5,475	*5,805	6,495
MS	13,872	15,265	15,125	15,285	15,907	15,161
NC	14,230	14,122	13,614	14,344	*14,273	13,978
OK	3,269	5,144	4,525	3,957	4,647	4,388
PA	2,585	2,588	*2,388	*2,625	2,558	2,465
SC	3,684	3,870	3,440	3,225	*3,831	3,939
TX	11,623	12,241	11,711	12,084	11,822	11,730
VA	4,444	5,288	4,861	5,221	*5,890	5,281
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	17,422	18,253	18,823	*17,570	*18,045	18,005
19 State Total	155,053	161,875	*162,060	*162,701	*164,584	162,774
Previous Year Total	158,581	165,267	167,382	166,079	170,266	166,034
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	97	98	97	98

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