



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 1 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 11, 2003. This was down 1 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 4 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 11, 2003. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through January 11, 2003 were 327 million, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 7 2002	Dec 14 2002	Dec 21 2002	Dec 28 2002	Jan 4 2003	Jan 11 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,958	28,075	*27,405	*27,841	*28,789	27,934
AR	29,336	30,240	30,054	29,685	31,253	30,267
DE	3,415	3,389	3,399	3,450	3,602	3,379
FL	1,727	1,592	1,572	1,564	1,562	1,572
GA	30,418	30,546	*29,920	30,767	30,896	30,657
KY	6,524	6,550	*6,563	6,096	6,172	6,517
MD	9,933	9,925	9,834	9,768	9,670	9,965
MS	18,596	18,857	18,627	18,897	18,823	18,815
NC	17,594	18,488	*17,772	17,743	18,590	18,287
OK	6,386	6,243	6,363	6,027	6,364	6,420
PA	3,633	3,733	3,666	*3,609	3,528	3,628
SC	4,526	4,676	4,868	4,863	4,729	4,756
TX	14,873	15,134	14,759	14,890	14,559	14,709
VA	5,984	6,230	6,226	6,294	6,355	6,357
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,215	*19,935	19,039	*19,178	*19,589	19,656
19 State Total	*200,118	*203,613	*200,067	*200,672	*204,481	202,919
Previous Year Total	204,465	207,067	208,836	207,192	206,952	204,606
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	96	97	99	99

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 7 2002	Dec 14 2002	Dec 21 2002	Dec 28 2002	Jan 4 2003	Jan 11 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,953	21,362	21,620	*21,517	*21,322	21,069
AR	23,291	24,762	23,254	23,721	24,244	24,081
DE	5,392	5,115	5,313	4,454	4,908	5,354
FL	2,091	1,696	1,754	1,607	1,557	1,502
GA	25,182	24,818	24,836	24,543	24,579	24,299
KY	5,443	5,390	5,186	5,314	5,466	5,392
MD	5,221	5,475	5,805	6,383	6,078	5,535
MS	15,125	15,285	15,907	15,161	15,540	15,462
NC	13,614	14,344	14,273	13,978	14,491	14,309
OK	4,525	3,957	4,647	4,388	4,491	4,218
PA	2,388	2,625	2,548	*2,525	2,581	2,621
SC	3,440	3,225	3,831	3,939	4,105	3,589
TX	11,710	12,083	11,821	11,729	11,914	11,636
VA	4,861	5,221	5,901	5,444	5,337	5,161
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,764	*17,540	*18,005	*17,321	*18,213	17,859
19 State Total	*162,000	*162,898	*164,701	*162,024	*164,826	162,087
Previous Year Total	167,382	166,079	170,266	166,034	169,020	168,883
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	98	97	98	98	96

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