



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 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 18, 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 83 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 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 18, 2003. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through January 18, 2003 were 490 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 14 2002	Dec 21 2002	Dec 28 2002	Jan 4 2003	Jan 11 2003	Jan 18 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,075	27,405	*27,442	28,789	27,934	27,516
AR	30,240	30,054	*29,870	31,253	30,267	31,023
DE	3,389	3,399	3,450	3,602	3,379	3,582
FL	1,592	1,572	1,564	1,562	1,572	1,555
GA	30,546	29,920	*30,888	*30,877	*30,668	30,888
KY	*6,188	6,563	*6,081	*6,123	6,517	6,537
MD	9,925	9,834	9,768	9,670	*9,964	9,676
MS	*19,057	*18,827	*19,097	*19,023	*19,015	18,829
NC	18,488	17,772	*18,122	18,590	18,287	18,697
OK	6,243	6,363	6,027	6,364	6,420	6,408
PA	3,733	3,666	3,609	*3,600	*3,337	3,519
SC	4,676	4,868	4,863	4,729	4,756	4,792
TX	15,134	14,759	14,890	14,559	14,709	14,485
VA	6,230	6,226	6,294	6,355	6,357	6,387
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	19,935	*19,028	19,178	19,589	*19,370	19,614
19 State Total	*203,451	*200,256	*201,143	*204,685	*202,552	203,508
Previous Year Total	207,067	208,836	207,192	206,952	204,606	205,220
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	96	97	99	99	99

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 14 2002	Dec 21 2002	Dec 28 2002	Jan 4 2003	Jan 11 2003	Jan 18 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,362	21,620	21,517	21,322	21,069	20,995
AR	24,762	23,254	23,721	24,244	24,081	24,397
DE	5,115	5,313	4,454	4,908	*5,324	5,458
FL	1,696	1,754	1,607	1,557	1,502	1,555
GA	24,818	24,836	24,543	*24,577	*24,309	25,170
KY	5,390	5,186	5,314	*5,180	5,392	4,981
MD	5,475	5,805	6,383	6,078	*5,566	5,513
MS	15,285	15,907	15,161	15,540	*15,285	15,873
NC	14,344	14,273	13,978	14,491	14,309	14,091
OK	3,957	4,647	4,388	4,491	4,218	4,066
PA	2,625	2,548	2,525	*2,574	*2,519	2,630
SC	3,225	3,831	3,939	4,105	3,589	4,341
TX	12,083	11,821	11,729	11,914	11,636	11,769
VA	5,221	5,901	5,444	5,337	5,161	5,154
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	17,540	18,005	17,321	*18,094	*18,324	17,731
19 State Total	162,898	164,701	162,024	*164,412	*162,284	163,724
Previous Year Total	166,079	170,266	166,034	169,020	168,883	168,359
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	97	98	97	96	97

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