



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 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 25, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 25, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through January 25, 2003 were 657 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 21 2002	Dec 28 2002	Jan 4 2003	Jan 11 2003	Jan 18 2003	Jan 25 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,405	27,442	*28,817	27,934	27,516	27,573
AR	30,054	29,870	*30,873	30,267	31,023	31,087
DE	3,399	3,450	3,602	3,379	3,582	3,418
FL	1,572	1,564	1,562	1,572	1,555	1,581
GA	29,920	30,888	*30,669	30,668	30,888	31,330
KY	6,563	*6,219	6,123	6,517	*6,336	6,331
MD	9,834	9,768	9,670	9,964	*9,669	9,865
MS	18,827	19,097	19,023	19,015	18,829	19,241
NC	17,772	18,122	*18,535	18,287	18,697	18,099
OK	6,363	6,027	6,364	6,420	6,408	6,596
PA	3,666	3,609	3,600	*3,272	*3,578	3,487
SC	4,868	4,863	4,729	4,756	4,792	4,823
TX	14,759	14,890	14,559	14,709	14,485	14,785
VA	6,226	6,294	6,355	6,357	6,387	6,629
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	19,028	*19,188	19,589	19,370	*19,346	19,927
19 State Total	200,256	*201,291	*204,070	*202,487	*203,091	204,772
Previous Year Total	208,836	207,192	206,952	204,606	205,220	206,876
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	97	99	99	99	99

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 21 2002	Dec 28 2002	Jan 4 2003	Jan 11 2003	Jan 18 2003	Jan 25 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,620	21,517	21,322	21,069	20,995	21,608
AR	23,254	23,721	24,244	24,081	24,397	23,950
DE	5,313	4,454	4,908	5,324	*5,317	4,549
FL	1,754	1,607	1,557	1,502	1,555	1,578
GA	24,836	24,543	24,577	24,309	*25,109	25,097
KY	5,186	5,314	5,180	5,392	*5,092	5,134
MD	5,805	6,383	6,078	5,566	*5,583	6,565
MS	15,907	15,161	15,540	15,285	15,873	15,937
NC	14,273	13,978	14,491	14,309	14,091	14,136
OK	4,647	4,388	4,491	4,218	4,066	4,289
PA	2,548	2,525	2,574	*2,516	*2,589	2,574
SC	3,831	3,939	4,105	3,589	4,341	4,100
TX	11,821	11,729	11,914	11,636	11,769	12,192
VA	5,901	5,444	5,337	5,161	*5,214	5,160
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	18,005	17,321	18,094	18,324	*17,842	19,175
19 State Total	164,701	162,024	164,412	*162,281	*163,833	166,044
Previous Year Total	170,266	166,034	169,020	168,883	168,359	167,400
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	98	97	96	97	99

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