



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 1, 2003. This was down 2 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 1, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through February 1, 2003 were 823 million, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 28 2002	Jan 4 2003	Jan 11 2003	Jan 18 2003	Jan 25 2003	Feb 1 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,442	28,817	*28,096	27,516	27,573	27,755
AR	29,870	30,873	*30,485	31,023	31,087	30,468
DE	3,450	3,602	3,379	3,582	3,418	3,607
FL	1,564	1,562	1,572	1,555	1,581	1,587
GA	30,888	30,669	*31,024	30,888	31,330	31,175
KY	6,219	6,123	6,517	6,336	*6,403	6,464
MD	9,768	9,670	9,964	9,669	*9,883	9,935
MS	*18,897	*18,823	*18,815	18,829	19,241	18,885
NC	18,122	18,535	*18,632	18,697	18,099	18,167
OK	6,027	6,364	6,420	6,408	6,596	6,554
PA	3,609	3,600	3,272	*3,543	*3,392	3,650
SC	4,863	4,729	4,756	4,792	4,823	4,946
TX	14,890	14,559	14,709	14,485	14,785	14,705
VA	6,294	6,355	6,357	6,387	6,629	6,515
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,189	19,589	19,370	*19,311	19,927	19,567
19 State Total	*201,092	*203,870	*203,368	*203,021	*204,767	203,980
Previous Year Total	207,192	206,952	204,606	205,220	206,876	208,754
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	99	99	99	99	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 28 2002	Jan 4 2003	Jan 11 2003	Jan 18 2003	Jan 25 2003	Feb 1 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,517	21,322	21,069	20,995	21,608	21,231
AR	23,721	24,244	24,081	24,397	23,950	23,524
DE	4,454	4,908	5,324	5,317	*4,775	5,018
FL	1,607	1,557	1,502	1,555	*1,689	1,754
GA	24,543	24,577	*24,206	*24,952	*24,948	25,069
KY	5,314	5,180	5,392	5,092	*5,153	5,424
MD	6,383	6,078	5,566	5,583	*6,493	6,274
MS	15,161	15,540	15,285	15,873	15,937	15,968
NC	13,978	14,491	14,309	14,091	*14,290	14,262
OK	4,388	4,491	4,218	4,066	4,289	5,623
PA	2,525	2,574	2,516	*2,576	*2,555	2,487
SC	3,939	4,105	3,589	4,341	4,100	4,209
TX	11,729	11,914	11,636	11,769	12,192	12,275
VA	5,444	5,337	5,161	5,214	*5,007	5,287
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,621	18,094	18,324	*17,925	*19,177	17,851
19 State Total	*162,324	164,412	*162,178	*163,746	*166,163	166,256
Previous Year Total	166,034	169,020	168,883	168,359	167,400	164,318
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	97	96	97	99	101

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