



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 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 8, 2003. This was down 3 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 8, 2003. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through February 8, 2003 were 988 million, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 4 2003	Jan 11 2003	Jan 18 2003	Jan 25 2003	Feb 1 2003	Feb 8 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,817	28,096	*27,578	*27,449	27,755	26,987
AR	30,873	30,485	31,023	31,087	30,468	30,994
DE	3,602	3,379	3,582	3,418	3,607	3,489
FL	1,562	1,572	1,555	1,581	1,587	1,609
GA	30,669	31,024	30,888	31,330	31,175	30,864
KY	*6,371	*6,636	*6,382	6,403	*6,516	6,429
MD	9,670	9,964	9,669	9,883	9,935	9,897
MS	18,823	18,815	18,829	19,241	18,885	18,501
NC	18,535	18,632	*18,320	18,099	18,167	17,938
OK	6,364	6,420	6,408	6,596	6,554	6,432
PA	3,600	3,272	3,543	*3,364	3,650	3,370
SC	4,729	4,756	4,792	4,823	4,946	4,820
TX	*14,560	*14,710	*14,509	*14,809	*14,729	14,417
VA	6,355	6,357	6,387	6,629	6,515	6,520
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	19,589	19,370	19,311	*19,945	*19,586	19,670
19 State Total	*204,119	*203,488	*202,776	*204,657	*204,075	201,937
Previous Year Total	206,952	204,606	205,220	206,876	208,754	208,199
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	99	98	97

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 4 2003	Jan 11 2003	Jan 18 2003	Jan 25 2003	Feb 1 2003	Feb 8 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,322	21,069	*20,992	*21,492	21,231	21,390
AR	24,244	24,081	24,397	23,950	23,524	25,475
DE	4,908	5,324	5,317	4,775	5,018	5,029
FL	1,557	1,502	1,555	1,689	1,754	1,393
GA	24,577	24,206	24,952	24,948	*25,094	25,327
KY	5,180	5,392	5,092	*5,254	*5,566	5,315
MD	6,078	5,566	5,583	6,493	6,274	6,271
MS	15,540	15,285	15,873	15,937	15,968	15,479
NC	14,491	14,309	14,091	14,290	14,262	14,439
OK	4,491	4,218	4,066	4,289	5,623	4,259
PA	2,574	2,516	2,576	*2,510	2,487	2,559
SC	4,105	3,589	4,341	4,100	4,209	4,054
TX	*11,915	*11,637	*11,770	*12,193	*12,276	11,905
VA	5,337	5,161	5,214	5,007	5,287	5,200
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	18,094	18,324	17,925	*19,204	*17,856	17,182
19 State Total	*164,413	*162,179	*163,744	*166,131	*166,429	165,277
Previous Year Total	169,020	168,883	168,359	167,400	164,318	165,373
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	96	97	99	101	100

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