



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 4 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 15, 2003. This was down 4 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 February 15, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through February 15, 2003 were 1.15 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 11 2003	Jan 18 2003	Jan 25 2003	Feb 1 2003	Feb 8 2003	Feb 15 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,096	27,578	*27,453	27,755	26,987	27,311
AR	30,485	31,023	31,087	30,468	30,994	30,363
DE	3,379	3,582	3,418	3,607	3,489	3,348
FL	1,572	1,555	1,581	1,587	1,609	1,605
GA	31,024	*30,910	*31,410	31,175	30,864	30,873
KY	6,636	6,382	*6,475	6,516	6,429	6,188
MD	9,964	9,669	9,883	9,935	9,897	9,494
MS	18,815	18,829	19,241	18,885	18,501	18,912
NC	18,632	18,320	18,099	18,167	17,938	18,492
OK	6,420	6,408	*6,435	6,554	6,432	6,395
PA	3,272	3,543	3,364	*3,631	*3,497	3,465
SC	4,756	4,792	4,823	4,946	4,820	4,841
TX	14,710	14,509	14,809	14,729	14,417	14,786
VA	6,357	6,387	6,629	6,515	6,520	6,491
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,374	*19,315	19,945	19,586	*19,682	19,899
19 State Total	*203,492	*202,802	*204,652	*204,056	*202,076	202,463
Previous Year Total	204,606	205,220	206,876	208,754	208,199	210,479
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	98	97	96

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 11 2003	Jan 18 2003	Jan 25 2003	Feb 1 2003	Feb 8 2003	Feb 15 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,069	20,992	21,492	21,231	21,390	20,696
AR	24,081	24,397	23,950	23,524	25,475	23,806
DE	5,324	5,317	4,775	5,018	*4,698	5,539
FL	1,502	1,555	1,689	1,754	1,393	1,739
GA	*24,218	*24,955	24,948	25,094	*25,425	25,838
KY	5,392	5,092	5,254	5,566	5,315	5,382
MD	5,566	5,583	6,493	6,274	*6,265	5,601
MS	15,285	15,873	15,937	15,968	15,479	15,967
NC	14,309	14,091	14,290	14,262	14,439	14,217
OK	4,218	4,066	4,289	5,623	4,259	4,509
PA	2,516	2,576	2,510	*2,523	*2,486	2,553
SC	3,589	4,341	4,100	4,209	*3,607	3,534
TX	11,637	11,770	12,193	12,276	11,905	12,340
VA	5,161	5,214	5,007	5,287	*5,617	5,612
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,265	*17,866	*19,138	17,856	*17,206	18,703
19 State Total	*162,132	*163,688	*166,065	*166,465	*164,959	166,036
Previous Year Total	168,883	168,359	167,400	164,318	165,373	167,095
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	97	99	101	100	99

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