



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 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 22, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 22, 2003. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through February 22, 2003 were 1.32 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 18 2003	Jan 25 2003	Feb 1 2003	Feb 8 2003	Feb 15 2003	Feb 22 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,578	27,453	*27,654	26,987	27,311	27,533
AR	31,023	31,087	30,468	30,994	*30,350	30,762
DE	3,582	3,418	3,607	3,489	3,348	3,295
FL	1,555	1,581	1,587	1,609	1,605	1,598
GA	30,910	31,410	*31,169	30,864	*30,817	31,361
KY	6,382	*6,384	*6,562	6,429	*6,121	6,188
MD	9,669	9,883	9,935	9,897	*8,694	9,351
MS	18,829	19,241	18,885	18,501	18,912	18,447
NC	18,320	18,099	*18,017	17,938	18,492	18,754
OK	6,408	6,435	*6,695	6,432	6,395	6,632
PA	3,543	*3,509	3,631	*3,447	*3,440	3,306
SC	4,792	4,823	4,946	4,820	*4,842	4,823
TX	14,509	14,809	14,729	14,417	14,786	14,807
VA	6,387	6,629	6,515	6,520	6,491	6,562
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	19,315	*19,946	19,586	19,682	*18,671	20,143
19 State Total	202,802	*204,707	*203,986	*202,026	*200,275	203,562
Previous Year Total	205,220	206,876	208,754	208,199	210,479	211,110
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	98	97	95	96

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 18 2003	Jan 25 2003	Feb 1 2003	Feb 8 2003	Feb 15 2003	Feb 22 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,992	21,492	21,231	21,390	20,696	21,200
AR	24,397	23,950	23,524	25,475	23,806	23,899
DE	5,317	4,775	5,018	4,698	5,539	5,114
FL	1,555	1,689	1,754	1,393	1,739	1,740
GA	*24,871	*24,928	25,094	25,425	*25,853	25,509
KY	5,092	5,254	5,566	5,315	*5,366	5,491
MD	5,583	6,493	6,274	6,265	5,601	5,732
MS	15,873	15,937	15,968	15,479	15,967	15,727
NC	14,091	14,290	14,262	14,439	14,217	13,946
OK	4,066	4,289	*5,624	4,259	4,509	4,720
PA	2,576	2,510	2,523	*2,482	*2,535	2,627
SC	4,341	4,100	4,209	3,607	3,534	3,708
TX	11,770	12,193	12,276	11,905	12,340	11,872
VA	5,214	5,007	5,287	5,617	5,612	5,286
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	17,866	19,138	*17,864	17,206	*18,758	18,408
19 State Total	*163,604	*166,045	*166,474	*164,955	*166,072	164,979
Previous Year Total	168,359	167,400	164,318	165,373	167,095	170,461
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	99	101	100	99	97

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