



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 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 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 Down 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 1, 2003. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through March 1, 2003 were 1.48 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 25 2003	Feb 1 2003	Feb 8 2003	Feb 15 2003	Feb 22 2003	Mar 1 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,453	27,654	*27,284	27,311	27,533	27,458
AR	31,087	30,468	30,994	30,350	30,762	30,603
DE	3,418	3,607	3,489	3,348	3,295	3,489
FL	1,581	1,587	1,609	1,605	1,598	1,500
GA	31,410	31,169	*30,909	30,817	*31,321	31,708
KY	6,384	6,562	*6,692	6,121	6,188	6,277
MD	9,883	9,935	9,897	8,694	9,351	9,370
MS	19,241	18,885	18,501	18,912	18,447	18,884
NC	18,099	18,017	*18,151	18,492	18,754	19,091
OK	6,435	6,695	6,432	6,395	6,632	6,373
PA	3,509	3,631	3,447	*3,434	*3,137	3,494
SC	4,823	4,946	4,820	4,842	4,823	4,857
TX	14,809	14,729	14,417	14,786	14,807	14,816
VA	6,629	6,515	6,520	6,491	6,562	6,720
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	19,946	*19,590	19,682	18,671	20,143	20,565
19 State Total	204,707	*203,990	*202,844	*200,269	*203,353	205,205
Previous Year Total	206,876	208,754	208,199	210,479	211,110	210,211
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	97	95	96	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 25 2003	Feb 1 2003	Feb 8 2003	Feb 15 2003	Feb 22 2003	Mar 1 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,492	21,231	21,390	20,696	21,200	20,287
AR	23,950	23,524	25,475	23,806	*24,509	24,680
DE	4,775	5,018	4,698	5,539	5,114	5,044
FL	1,689	1,754	1,393	1,739	1,740	1,752
GA	24,928	25,094	25,425	*25,844	*25,415	25,701
KY	5,254	5,566	5,315	5,366	5,491	5,503
MD	6,493	6,274	6,265	5,601	5,732	5,823
MS	15,937	15,968	15,479	15,967	15,727	15,500
NC	14,290	14,262	14,439	14,217	*14,011	13,987
OK	4,289	5,624	4,259	4,509	*4,091	4,840
PA	2,510	2,523	2,482	*2,551	*2,544	2,461
SC	4,100	4,209	3,607	3,534	3,708	3,428
TX	12,193	12,276	11,905	12,340	11,872	11,660
VA	5,007	5,287	5,617	5,612	5,286	5,847
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	19,138	17,864	17,206	18,758	*18,429	17,836
19 State Total	166,045	166,474	164,955	*166,079	*164,869	164,349
Previous Year Total	167,400	164,318	165,373	167,095	170,461	169,215
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	101	100	99	97	97

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