



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 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 8, 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 8, 2003. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through March 8, 2003 were 1.65 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 1 2003	Feb 8 2003	Feb 15 2003	Feb 22 2003	Mar 1 2003	Mar 8 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,654	27,284	*28,430	27,533	27,458	27,920
AR	30,468	30,994	*30,194	30,762	30,603	30,133
DE	3,607	3,489	3,348	3,295	3,489	3,411
FL	1,587	1,609	1,605	1,598	1,500	1,493
GA	31,169	30,909	*31,084	31,321	31,708	31,652
KY	6,562	6,692	6,121	6,188	6,277	6,515
MD	9,935	9,897	8,694	9,351	*9,371	10,110
MS	18,885	18,501	*18,852	18,447	18,884	19,097
NC	18,017	18,151	*18,294	18,754	19,091	18,634
OK	6,695	6,432	*6,378	6,632	6,373	6,465
PA	3,631	3,447	3,434	*3,136	*3,425	3,403
SC	4,946	4,820	4,842	4,823	4,857	4,816
TX	*14,726	*14,414	*14,780	*14,801	*14,810	14,750
VA	6,515	6,520	6,491	6,562	6,720	6,711
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,508	*19,613	*18,676	*20,275	*20,606	20,480
19 State Total	*203,905	*202,772	*201,223	*203,478	*205,172	205,590
Previous Year Total	208,754	208,199	210,479	211,110	210,211	209,711
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	97	96	96	98	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 1 2003	Feb 8 2003	Feb 15 2003	Feb 22 2003	Mar 1 2003	Mar 8 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,231	21,390	20,696	21,200	20,287	21,816
AR	23,524	25,475	23,806	24,509	24,680	25,491
DE	5,018	4,698	5,539	5,114	*5,171	4,666
FL	1,754	1,393	1,739	*1,491	1,752	1,806
GA	25,094	25,425	*25,761	25,415	*25,663	24,387
KY	5,566	5,315	5,366	5,491	5,503	5,096
MD	6,274	6,265	5,601	5,732	*5,692	5,233
MS	15,968	15,479	15,967	*15,757	*15,534	15,579
NC	14,262	14,439	14,217	14,011	*14,332	14,199
OK	5,624	4,259	*4,415	4,091	4,840	3,634
PA	2,523	2,482	2,551	*2,523	*2,442	2,505
SC	4,209	3,607	3,534	3,708	*3,134	4,812
TX	12,276	*11,902	*12,337	*11,869	*11,657	11,952
VA	5,287	5,617	5,612	5,286	5,847	5,854
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,810	*17,141	*18,703	*18,209	*16,980	16,708
19 State Total	*166,420	*164,887	*165,844	*164,406	*163,514	163,738
Previous Year Total	164,318	165,373	167,095	170,461	169,215	171,686
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	99	96	97	95

* Revised