



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 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 15, 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 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 15, 2003. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through March 15, 2003 were 1.81 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 8 2003	Feb 15 2003	Feb 22 2003	Mar 1 2003	Mar 8 2003	Mar 15 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,284	28,430	*28,185	27,458	27,920	28,229
AR	30,994	30,194	30,762	30,603	30,133	29,371
DE	3,489	3,348	3,295	3,489	*3,539	3,765
FL	1,609	1,605	1,598	*1,627	*1,620	1,532
GA	30,909	31,084	*31,336	31,708	*31,646	30,759
KY	6,692	*6,342	*6,266	*6,317	*6,555	6,200
MD	9,897	8,694	9,351	9,371	10,110	10,053
MS	18,501	18,852	*18,749	18,884	19,097	18,867
NC	18,151	18,294	*18,728	19,091	18,634	18,588
OK	6,432	6,378	6,632	6,373	6,465	6,672
PA	3,447	3,434	3,136	*3,427	*3,505	3,592
SC	4,820	4,842	4,823	4,857	*4,814	4,842
TX	14,414	14,780	14,801	14,810	14,750	14,743
VA	6,520	6,491	6,562	6,720	6,711	6,632
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	19,613	*19,676	20,275	20,606	*20,655	20,472
19 State Total	202,772	*202,444	*204,499	*205,341	*206,154	204,317
Previous Year Total	208,199	210,479	211,110	210,211	209,711	208,001
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	96	97	98	98	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 8 2003	Feb 15 2003	Feb 22 2003	Mar 1 2003	Mar 8 2003	Mar 15 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,390	20,696	21,200	20,287	21,816	21,479
AR	25,475	23,806	24,509	24,680	25,491	23,738
DE	4,698	5,539	5,114	5,171	*4,688	4,570
FL	1,393	1,739	1,491	1,752	*1,798	1,668
GA	25,425	25,761	25,415	*25,634	*24,378	24,918
KY	5,315	5,366	5,491	5,503	*5,204	5,233
MD	6,265	5,601	5,732	5,692	*5,242	6,260
MS	15,479	15,967	15,757	15,534	15,579	15,859
NC	14,439	14,217	14,011	14,332	14,199	14,729
OK	4,259	4,415	4,091	4,840	3,634	4,458
PA	2,482	2,551	2,523	*2,422	*2,501	2,373
SC	3,607	3,534	3,708	3,134	4,812	4,430
TX	11,902	12,337	11,869	11,657	11,952	12,373
VA	5,617	5,612	5,286	5,847	5,854	5,334
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	17,141	18,703	18,209	16,980	*17,580	19,974
19 State Total	164,887	165,844	164,406	*163,465	*164,728	167,396
Previous Year Total	165,373	167,095	170,461	169,215	171,686	172,382
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	96	97	96	97

* Revised