



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 22, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 22, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through March 22, 2003 were 1.98 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 15 2003	Feb 22 2003	Mar 1 2003	Mar 8 2003	Mar 15 2003	Mar 22 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,430	28,185	*28,387	27,920	28,229	28,227
AR	30,194	30,762	30,603	30,133	29,371	29,982
DE	*3,353	*3,288	*3,500	3,539	3,765	3,711
FL	1,605	1,598	1,627	1,620	1,532	1,634
GA	31,084	31,336	31,708	31,646	30,759	30,862
KY	6,342	*6,358	*6,457	6,555	6,200	6,380
MD	8,694	9,351	9,371	10,110	10,053	9,480
MS	18,852	18,749	*19,066	19,097	*18,882	19,110
NC	18,294	18,728	*18,788	18,634	18,588	18,680
OK	6,378	6,632	6,373	6,465	6,672	6,562
PA	3,434	3,136	3,427	*3,599	3,592	3,526
SC	4,842	4,823	4,857	4,814	4,842	4,903
TX	14,780	14,801	14,810	14,750	14,743	14,495
VA	6,491	6,562	6,720	6,711	6,632	6,637
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	19,676	20,275	*20,615	20,655	*20,492	20,713
19 State Total	*202,449	*204,584	*206,309	*206,248	*204,352	204,902
Previous Year Total	210,479	211,110	210,211	209,711	208,001	208,762
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	97	98	98	98	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 15 2003	Feb 22 2003	Mar 1 2003	Mar 8 2003	Mar 15 2003	Mar 22 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,696	21,200	20,287	21,816	21,479	21,568
AR	23,806	24,509	24,680	25,491	23,738	23,794
DE	*5,717	*5,189	*4,997	4,688	4,570	5,061
FL	1,739	1,491	1,752	1,798	1,668	1,566
GA	25,761	25,415	25,634	24,378	24,918	25,720
KY	5,366	5,491	5,503	5,204	*5,265	5,298
MD	*5,450	*5,695	*5,920	5,242	6,260	6,012
MS	15,967	15,757	15,534	15,579	*15,850	16,374
NC	14,217	14,011	14,332	14,199	14,729	15,064
OK	4,415	4,091	4,840	3,634	4,458	4,825
PA	2,551	2,523	2,422	*2,479	2,373	2,519
SC	3,534	3,708	3,134	4,812	4,430	3,800
TX	12,337	11,869	11,657	11,952	12,373	12,399
VA	5,612	5,286	5,847	5,854	5,334	5,258
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	18,703	18,209	16,980	17,580	*19,980	19,756
19 State Total	*165,871	*164,444	*163,519	*164,706	*167,425	169,014
Previous Year Total	167,095	170,461	169,215	171,686	172,382	171,346
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	96	97	96	97	99

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