

Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 180 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 24, 2001. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 139 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 24, 2001. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through November 24, 2001 were 6.86 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 24, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 157 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 24, 2001.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

		Week Ending							
State	Oct 20 2001	Oct 27 2001	Nov 3 2001	Nov 10 2001	Nov 17 2001	Nov 24 2001			
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand			
AL	26,646	25,580	*27,223	*27,760	27,952	28,678			
AR	28,743	26,510	*27,837	30,372	30,589	30,582			
DE	3,362	3,408	3,671	3,609	3,443	3,477			
FL	2,188	2,311	2,350	2,290	2,254	2,358			
GA	28,964	*28,571	*29,428	31,184	*31,031	30,653			
MD	8,828	8,295	8,755	8,992	8,176	8,854			
MS	16,118	16,345	*18,089	17,023	18,290	18,060			
NC	16,018	17,401	*17,356	18,053	17,870	17,679			
PA	3,578	3,396	3,233	*3,747	*3,840	3,659			
SC	4,654	4,109	*4,696	4,848	4,689	4,642			
TX	12,830	12,181	*14,171	14,424	14,168	14,591			
VA	6,085	5,416	6,052	6,669	6,611	6,503			
CA, TN, & WV	10,335	10,808	10,554	11,392	10,697	10,689			
15 State Total	168,349	*164,331	*173,415	*180,363	*179,610	180,425			
Previous Year Total	163,682	159,858	167,730	177,546	177,548	180,652			
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	103	102	101	100			
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand			
KY	*4,826	4,742	*4,881	5,048	4,765	4,388			
OK	5,909	5,553	5,729	6,468	6,435	6,413			
LA & MO	8,392	9,066	9,166	9,410	9,577	9,301			
19 State Total	*187,476	*183,692	*193,191	*201,289	*200,387	200,527			

^{*} Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

-	Week Ending							
State	Oct 20 2001	Oct 27 2001	Nov 3 2001	Nov 10 2001	Nov 17 2001	Nov 24 2001		
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand		
AL	21,974	22,430	20,984	*20,256	*18,995	20,562		
AR	23,536	24,413	23,027	22,127	21,795	21,661		
DE	4,946	4,527	4,391	4,518	5,570	4,764		
FL	2,204	2,047	2,309	2,096	*2,218	2,516		
GA	24,887	25,882	*25,218	*23,174	*23,141	23,429		
MD	5,597	5,306	5,068	5,584	4,262	5,321		
MS	15,120	14,801	14,345	13,333	13,886	15,292		
NC	14,468	13,535	13,410	12,959	13,361	14,202		
PA	2,740	2,752	2,641	*2,496	*2,563	2,571		
SC	3,635	4,464	*3,701	*3,679	3,266	3,755		
TX	11,619	11,838	11,282	10,136	9,523	11,157		
VA	5,121	5,280	5,785	4,897	4,838	4,741		
CA, TN, & WV	9,113	9,118	8,821	9,241	9,086	9,178		
15 State Total	144,960	146,393	*140,982	*134,496	*132,504	139,149		
Previous Year Total	140,691	139,655	136,698	130,622	128,656	134,733		
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	105	103	103	103	103		
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand		
KY	4,171	4,435	3,818	3,743	3,694	3,807		
OK	4,531	4,769	4,546	4,819	4,074	4,293		
LA & MO	8,313	8,645	9,424	9,040	8,570	9,421		
19 State Total	161,975	164,242	*158,770	*152,098	*148,842	156,670		

^{*} Revised.