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## Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States <br> Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15 -State weekly program set 188 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 1, 2001. This was up 4 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15 -State weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 1, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through December 1, 2001 were 7.01 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 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 1, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 1, 2001.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct } 27 \\ 2001 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } 3 \\ 2001 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } 10 \\ 2001 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } 17 \\ 2001 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } 24 \\ 2001 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Dec } 1 \\ 2001 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand |
| AL | 25,580 | 27,223 | *28,581 | 27,952 | 28,678 | 29,505 |
| AR | 26,510 | 27,837 | 30,372 | 30,589 | 30,582 | 31,179 |
| DE | 3,408 | 3,671 | 3,609 | 3,443 | 3,477 | 3,617 |
| FL | 2,311 | 2,350 | 2,290 | 2,254 | 2,358 | 2,306 |
| GA | 28,571 | 29,428 | *31,215 | 31,031 | 30,653 | 32,527 |
| MD | 8,295 | 8,755 | 8,992 | 8,176 | 8,854 | 10,002 |
| MS | 16,345 | 18,089 | *17,235 | 18,290 | 18,060 | 18,501 |
| NC | 17,401 | 17,356 | *18,211 | 17,870 | 17,679 | 19,198 |
| PA | 3,396 | 3,233 | 3,747 | 3,840 | *3,822 | 3,911 |
| SC | 4,109 | 4,696 | *4,689 | 4,689 | 4,642 | 4,710 |
| TX | 12,181 | 14,171 | *14,419 | *14,164 | *14,586 | 14,833 |
| VA | 5,416 | 6,052 | 6,669 | 6,611 | 6,503 | 6,559 |
| CA, TN, \& WV | 10,808 | 10,554 | 11,392 | 10,697 | *10,716 | 11,081 |
| 15 State Total | 164,331 | 173,415 | *181,421 | *179,606 | *180,610 | 187,929 |
| Previous Year Total | 159,858 | 167,730 | 177,546 | 177,548 | 180,652 | 180,423 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 103 | 103 | 102 | 101 | 100 | 104 |
|  | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand |
| KY | 4,742 | *5,031 | *4,777 | *4,641 | *4,640 | 5,134 |
| OK | 5,553 | 5,729 | 6,468 | 6,435 | 6,413 | 6,375 |
| LA \& MO | *8,910 | *9,072 | *9,317 | *9,637 | *8,959 | 9,821 |
| 19 State Total | *183,536 | *193,247 | *201,983 | *200,319 | *200,622 | 209,259 |

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

| State | Week Ending |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct } 27 \\ 2001 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } 3 \\ 2001 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } 10 \\ 2001 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } 17 \\ 2001 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } 24 \\ 2001 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Dec } 1 \\ & 2001 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand |
| AL | 22,430 | 20,984 | 20,256 | 18,995 | 20,562 | 21,402 |
| AR | 24,413 | 23,027 | 22,127 | *21,833 | *21,689 | 23,473 |
| DE | 4,527 | 4,391 | 4,518 | 5,570 | 4,764 | 5,324 |
| FL | 2,047 | 2,309 | 2,096 | 2,218 | 2,516 | 2,143 |
| GA | 25,882 | *24,990 | *23,173 | *23,937 | *23,241 | 25,030 |
| MD | 5,306 | 5,068 | 5,584 | 4,262 | 5,321 | 5,599 |
| MS | 14,801 | 14,345 | 13,333 | 13,886 | 15,292 | 14,461 |
| NC | 13,535 | 13,410 | 12,959 | 13,361 | 14,202 | 14,680 |
| PA | 2,752 | 2,641 | 2,496 | 2,563 | *2,454 | 2,868 |
| SC | 4,464 | 3,701 | 3,679 | 3,266 | 3,755 | 4,229 |
| TX | 11,838 | *11,281 | 10,136 | 9,523 | 11,157 | 11,452 |
| VA | 5,280 | 5,785 | 4,897 | 4,838 | 4,741 | 4,931 |
| CA, TN, \& WV | 9,118 | 8,821 | 9,241 | 9,086 | *9,533 | 9,769 |
| 15 State Total | 146,393 | *140,753 | *134,495 | *133,338 | *139,227 | 145,361 |
| Previous Year Total | 139,655 | 136,698 | 130,622 | 128,656 | 134,733 | 144,183 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 105 | 103 | 103 | 104 | 103 | 101 |
|  | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand | Thousand |
| KY | 4,435 | *3,685 | *3,767 | *3,703 | *3,934 | 3,884 |
| OK | 4,769 | 4,546 | 4,819 | 4,074 | 4,293 | 5,677 |
| LA \& MO | 8,645 | 9,424 | 9,040 | 8,570 | *9,224 | 8,758 |
| 19 State Total | 164,242 | *158,408 | *152,121 | *149,685 | *156,678 | 163,680 |

* Revised.

