

# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 185 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 15, 2001. This was up 3 percent 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 15, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through December 15, 2001 were 7.30 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 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 15, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 15, 2001.

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		Week Ending							
State	Nov 10 2001	Nov 17 2001	Nov 24 2001	Dec 1 2001	Dec 8 2001	Dec 15 2001			
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand			
AL	28,552	29,254	*28,887	29,219	29,301	29,315			
AR	30,372	30,589	30,582	31,179	30,081	30,701			
DE	3,609	3,443	3,477	3,617	3,560	3,399			
FL	2,290	2,254	2,358	2,306	2,310	2,282			
GA	31,215	31,504	*30,651	32,527	30,928	31,488			
MD	8,992	8,499	8,854	10,002	7,409	8,867			
MS	17,235	18,290	18,060	18,501	18,658	19,024			
NC	19,026	18,538	*18,785	19,760	17,848	18,758			
PA	3,747	3,840	3,822	*3,876	*3,789	3,977			
SC	4,689	4,689	4,642	4,710	4,690	4,482			
TX	14,419	14,164	14,586	14,833	14,934	14,924			
VA	6,669	6,611	6,503	6,559	6,537	6,635			
CA, TN, & WV	11,392	10,697	*11,155	11,081	*10,426	10,706			
15 State Total	182,207	182,372	*182,362	*188,170	*180,471	184,558			
Previous Year Total	177,546	177,548	180,652	180,423	176,288	179,814			
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	101	104	102	103			
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand			
KY	5,083	5,089	*5,165	5,283	5,009	4,880			
OK	6,468	6,435	6,413	6,375	6,357	6,195			
LA & MO	9,317	9,637	*9,290	9,821	8,814	9,288			
19 State Total	203,075	203,533	*203,230	*209,649	*200,651	204,921			

\* Revised.

#### **Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

		Week Ending							
State	Nov 10 2001	Nov 17 2001	Nov 24 2001	Dec 1 2001	Dec 8 2001	Dec 15 2001			
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand			
AL	20,256	18,995	20,473	21,412	21,853	22,331			
AR	22,127	21,833	21,689	*23,459	*24,937	24,756			
DE	4,518	5,570	4,764	5,324	4,508	4,947			
FL	2,096	2,218	2,516	2,143	2,523	1,927			
GA	23,173	23,937	23,241	25,081	*25,558	24,075			
MD	5,584	4,262	5,321	5,599	5,627	5,317			
MS	13,333	13,886	15,292	14,461	15,427	15,193			
NC	*13,210	*13,661	14,375	14,853	14,597	15,113			
PA	2,496	2,563	2,438	*2,763	*2,746	3,005			
SC	3,679	3,266	3,755	4,229	3,756	3,816			
TX	10,136	9,523	11,157	11,452	11,242	11,569			
VA	4,897	4,838	4,741	4,931	5,076	5,004			
CA, TN, & WV	9,241	9,086	9,533	9,770	*9,513	9,816			
15 State Total	*134,746	*133,638	139,295	*145,477	*147,363	146,869			
Previous Year Total	130,622	128,656	134,733	144,183	143,211	144,833			
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	103	101	103	101			
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand			
KY	3,742	3,704	3,935	4,046	4,056	4,094			
OK	4,819	4,074	4,293	5,677	5,225	4,487			
LA & MO	9,040	8,570	9,224	8,758	8,148	8,979			
19 State Total	*152,347	*149,986	156,747	*163,958	*164,792	164,429			

\* Revised.