

# 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 188 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 16, 2002. 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 5 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 16, 2002. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through February 16, 2002 were 1.04 billion, up 3 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 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 16, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 16, 2002.

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# **Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

		Week Ending							
State	Jan 12 2002	Jan 19 2002	Jan 26 2002	Feb 2 2002	Feb 9 2002	Feb 16 2002			
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand			
AL	28,794	29,398	*29,363	29,148	*29,313	29,360			
AR	30,121	30,421	30,623	30,803	30,232	30,627			
DE	3,456	3,394	3,672	3,574	3,631	3,633			
FL	2,246	2,304	2,163	2,391	2,366	2,297			
GA	31,896	31,387	31,455	*31,402	*31,765	31,482			
MD	9,334	9,747	9,531	10,095	10,036	10,072			
MS	18,912	18,289	18,359	18,786	18,905	19,099			
NC	18,007	18,437	*18,520	19,269	19,332	19,473			
PA	3,590	3,797	3,473	3,435	*3,529	3,942			
SC	4,705	4,766	4,742	4,712	4,618	4,945			
TX	14,969	14,703	15,319	15,101	15,263	15,338			
VA	6,277	6,218	6,602	6,643	6,737	6,535			
CA, TN, & WV	10,617	10,537	10,966	10,669	10,823	10,805			
15 State Total	182,924	183,398	*184,788	*186,028	*186,550	187,608			
Previous Year Total	179,729	179,208	177,434	178,493	180,246	181,711			
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	104	104	103	103			
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand			
KY	6,734	*6,654	6,477	6,419	*5,833	6,394			
OK	6,278	6,078	6,566	6,566	6,565	6,579			
LA & MO	8,670	9,090	8,900	9,252	9,122	9,267			
19 State Total	204,606	*205,220	*206,731	*208,265	*208,070	209,848			

<sup>\*</sup> Revised.

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

·		Week Ending							
State	Jan 12 2002	Jan 19 2002	Jan 26 2002	Feb 2 2002	Feb 9 2002	Feb 16 2002			
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand			
AL	22,107	22,781	22,013	21,673	21,915	22,567			
AR	24,092	23,526	24,074	23,464	24,082	24,918			
DE	4,891	5,220	5,563	*4,551	*4,971	5,828			
FL	2,331	2,389	2,349	2,154	2,473	2,150			
GA	25,753	24,895	26,034	*25,392	*25,400	25,255			
MD	6,065	5,561	5,339	*5,844	*6,060	5,517			
MS	15,982	15,956	15,658	15,683	*15,064	14,961			
NC	15,213	15,016	14,381	13,810	14,293	14,270			
PA	2,735	2,577	2,545	2,557	*2,474	2,604			
SC	3,883	3,803	3,697	3,885	3,701	3,893			
TX	11,964	12,191	12,100	11,754	11,616	12,139			
VA	5,650	5,622	5,726	*5,478	*4,631	5,137			
CA, TN, & WV	8,872	9,885	9,353	9,205	9,436	9,072			
15 State Total	149,538	149,422	148,832	*145,450	*146,116	148,311			
Previous Year Total	143,870	142,278	143,929	144,793	143,285	141,289			
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	105	103	100	102	105			
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand			
KY	5,497	*4,795	5,721	6,098	*5,922	5,394			
OK	4,828	4,590	4,442	5,064	5,243	5,212			
LA & MO	9,020	9,599	8,605	8,190	7,919	7,975			
19 State Total	168,883	*168,406	167,600	*164,802	*165,200	166,892			

<sup>\*</sup> Revised.