



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 186 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 30, 2002. This was up 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 151 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 30, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through March 30, 2002 were 1.94 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 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 30, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 30, 2002. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through March 30, 2002 in the 19 States totaled 2.20 billion.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 23 2002	Mar 2 2002	Mar 9 2002	Mar 16 2002	Mar 23 2002	Mar 30 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,319	29,642	*29,634	29,182	29,520	29,543
AR	30,825	30,859	30,238	29,964	30,633	29,747
DE	3,571	3,555	3,548	3,559	3,471	3,528
FL	2,304	2,342	2,331	2,281	2,317	2,368
GA	31,601	31,499	31,845	31,545	31,874	31,308
MD	10,016	10,002	*9,467	10,079	9,223	9,618
MS	19,035	18,774	18,807	18,654	18,827	18,945
NC	19,526	19,692	*19,048	19,524	19,335	19,104
PA	3,975	3,775	3,889	4,005	*3,693	3,802
SC	4,984	4,918	4,819	5,004	4,971	4,717
TX	15,363	15,320	15,324	15,328	15,376	15,378
VA	6,673	6,672	6,660	6,636	6,599	6,573
CA, TN, & WV	11,043	10,912	11,708	11,102	10,975	11,150
15 State Total	188,235	187,962	*187,318	186,863	*186,814	185,781
Previous Year Total	184,325	185,689	184,834	184,715	184,449	182,666
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	101	101	101	102
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	6,978	6,680	6,562	6,517	*6,448	6,454
OK	6,615	6,402	6,072	6,523	6,370	6,271
LA & MO	9,282	9,357	9,308	8,694	8,964	8,960
19 State Total	211,110	210,401	*209,260	208,597	*208,596	207,466

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 23 2002	Mar 2 2002	Mar 9 2002	Mar 16 2002	Mar 23 2002	Mar 30 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,412	22,042	21,943	21,997	22,769	21,608
AR	24,382	24,553	25,518	23,918	23,490	24,294
DE	4,809	4,902	5,576	5,239	5,167	4,839
FL	2,510	2,128	2,180	2,277	2,165	2,215
GA	25,452	26,239	26,174	25,927	25,692	26,134
MD	6,779	6,751	6,293	5,874	5,970	5,947
MS	15,639	15,691	15,720	15,988	15,553	15,550
NC	15,387	15,147	15,495	15,377	15,734	15,491
PA	2,505	2,651	2,660	2,798	*2,717	2,724
SC	3,918	3,979	3,914	3,951	3,805	3,829
TX	12,044	12,161	12,216	12,190	12,162	12,101
VA	5,229	5,601	4,962	5,764	5,734	5,660
CA, TN, & WV	9,162	9,220	9,851	9,870	*9,687	10,607
15 State Total	150,228	151,065	152,502	151,170	*150,645	150,999
Previous Year Total	142,593	143,883	146,406	148,973	150,747	150,234
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	105	104	101	100	101
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	5,398	4,874	5,273	5,589	*5,458	5,318
OK	5,012	4,038	4,512	4,751	4,770	4,928
LA & MO	9,823	9,238	9,403	10,873	10,373	8,875
19 State Total	170,461	169,215	171,690	172,383	*171,246	170,120

* Revised.