



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 188 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 20, 2002. This was up 1 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 20, 2002. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through April 20, 2002 were 2.40 billion, up 2 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 April 20, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 20, 2002. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through April 20, 2002 in the 19 States totaled 2.70 billion.*

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 16 2002	Mar 23 2002	Mar 30 2002	Apr 6 2002	Apr 13 2002	Apr 20 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,845	29,520	29,543	29,181	*29,432	29,297
AR	29,964	30,641	29,747	30,730	30,962	30,175
DE	3,559	3,471	3,537	3,556	3,545	3,501
FL	2,281	2,317	2,368	2,335	2,349	2,363
GA	31,545	31,874	*31,260	*32,297	*31,948	32,301
MD	10,079	9,223	9,618	9,979	9,710	9,961
MS	18,654	18,827	18,945	19,079	19,024	18,645
NC	19,428	19,154	*19,347	19,565	18,842	20,269
PA	4,005	3,693	3,720	4,001	3,835	3,912
SC	5,004	5,050	4,717	4,709	4,781	4,668
TX	15,318	15,366	15,368	15,560	15,463	15,461
VA	6,636	6,599	6,573	6,041	6,504	6,451
CA, TN, & WV	11,125	11,144	11,087	11,378	11,640	11,177
15 State Total	186,443	186,879	*185,830	*188,411	*188,035	188,181
Previous Year Total	186,557	185,973	184,466	188,248	187,312	185,833
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	101	100	100	101
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	6,341	6,326	6,326	6,798	6,724	6,607
OK	6,523	6,370	6,271	6,449	6,339	6,592
LA & MO	8,694	8,964	8,960	9,215	9,227	8,736
19 State Total	208,001	208,539	207,387	210,873	210,325	210,116

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 16 2002	Mar 23 2002	Mar 30 2002	Apr 6 2002	Apr 13 2002	Apr 20 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,997	22,769	22,372	21,763	*22,191	22,148
AR	23,918	23,490	24,294	24,056	24,951	23,786
DE	5,239	5,167	4,762	5,708	4,734	4,769
FL	2,277	2,165	2,215	2,321	*2,303	2,591
GA	25,927	25,692	26,126	26,128	*25,905	25,604
MD	5,874	5,970	6,050	5,815	5,944	6,612
MS	15,988	15,553	15,550	15,542	15,423	16,057
NC	15,377	15,734	15,491	14,771	15,423	15,161
PA	2,798	2,717	2,719	2,693	2,722	2,781
SC	3,951	3,805	3,829	3,623	4,143	4,376
TX	12,186	12,157	12,096	12,102	12,215	12,235
VA	5,764	5,734	5,661	6,211	5,376	4,990
CA, TN, & WV	9,873	9,690	10,850	9,783	9,323	9,355
15 State Total	151,169	150,643	152,015	150,516	*150,653	150,465
Previous Year Total	150,422	152,217	151,659	149,544	150,134	147,931
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	100	101	100	102
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	5,589	5,368	5,330	5,149	5,144	5,271
OK	4,751	4,770	4,928	5,377	4,778	4,642
LA & MO	10,873	10,373	8,875	7,755	8,808	8,773
19 State Total	172,382	171,154	171,148	168,797	169,383	169,151