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**BROILERS PLACED IN ALABAMA UP 1 PERCENT
BROILER EGGS SET UP 1 PERCENT**

Placement of broiler chicks in Alabama during the week ending December 29, 2012 was 21.1 million, down 2 percent from the previous week, but up 1 percent from the comparable week last year, according to the USDA, NASS Alabama Field Office. An estimated 27.9 million broiler type eggs were set by Alabama hatcheries, up slightly from the previous week, and up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set and Broiler-Type Chicks Placed

Week Ended	Eggs Set			Chicks Placed		
	2011	2012	% of prev. yr.	2011	2012	% of prev. yr.
	Thousands			Thousands		
Nov 24	27,726	28,045	101	17,578	17,883	102
Dec 1	27,771	27,975	101	19,231	19,786	103
Dec 8	28,093	27,670	98	20,541	21,156	103
Dec 15	27,904	27,607	99	19,985	21,449	107
Dec 22	27,704	27,871	101	20,588	21,399	104
Dec 29	27,562	27,873	101	20,811	21,054	101

BROILER CHICKS PLACED IN ALABAMA BY WEEK, 2011-2012



Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	November 24, 2012	December 1, 2012	December 8, 2012	December 15, 2012	December 22, 2012	December 29, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,045	27,975	27,670	27,607	27,871	27,873
Arkansas	21,532	21,963	20,891	21,845	21,622	21,742
Delaware	3,413	3,415	3,414	3,415	3,414	3,411
Florida	1,353	1,655	1,048	1,350	1,353	1,350
Georgia	32,298	34,317	30,251	32,433	32,432	32,233
Kentucky	7,350	7,364	7,414	7,694	7,679	7,352
Louisiana	3,258	3,258	3,273	3,288	3,304	3,288
Maryland	7,182	7,067	7,117	7,185	7,153	7,066
Mississippi	17,178	17,089	17,377	17,174	16,822	16,719
Missouri	8,013	8,012	7,713	7,881	7,897	7,932
North Carolina	20,043	20,022	19,058	19,992	19,978	19,765
Oklahoma	6,825	7,026	6,809	6,581	6,968	6,936
Pennsylvania	3,701	3,935	3,583	3,812	3,713	3,711
South Carolina	5,657	5,557	5,316	4,675	5,462	5,463
Texas	14,212	14,764	13,761	14,237	14,033	14,048
Virginia	6,455	6,638	6,002	6,476	6,490	6,260
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,372	10,961	9,398	9,694	10,574	10,428
19 State total	196,887	201,018	190,095	195,339	196,765	195,577
Previous year total	194,560	194,178	194,887	194,602	195,380	192,967
Percent of previous year	101	104	98	100	101	101

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	November 24, 2012	December 1, 2012	December 8, 2012	December 15, 2012	December 22, 2012	December 29, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	17,883	19,786	21,156	21,449	21,399	21,054
Arkansas	18,987	19,476	19,134	19,857	19,753	19,236
Delaware	4,309	3,550	3,831	4,086	3,817	3,727
Florida	1,162	1,020	1,369	1,311	1,304	725
Georgia	24,958	26,525	25,978	26,268	27,620	25,505
Kentucky	5,875	5,542	6,122	6,315	5,574	5,731
Louisiana	2,664	2,642	2,940	2,912	2,958	2,937
Maryland	5,710	7,060	6,526	6,198	6,137	7,131
Mississippi	12,984	14,757	14,493	14,989	14,871	15,027
Missouri	4,869	5,316	5,768	5,720	5,633	5,589
North Carolina	16,127	16,728	15,865	16,416	15,819	15,556
Oklahoma	3,997	4,204	5,307	4,734	5,334	4,523
Pennsylvania	2,772	2,804	3,084	2,900	3,110	2,970
South Carolina	4,885	3,843	5,064	4,344	4,763	4,128
Texas	11,162	11,832	11,940	11,809	12,416	11,619
Virginia	3,929	3,592	4,264	4,456	4,973	4,021
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,465	10,742	10,661	9,577	11,497	9,301
19 State total	151,738	159,419	163,502	163,341	166,978	158,780
Previous year total	156,853	160,576	162,541	162,116	162,753	162,444
Percent of previous year	97	99	101	101	103	98

Average hatchability for chicks hatched in the 19 selected States during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.