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**BROILERS PLACED IN ALABAMA UP 4 PERCENT
BROILER EGGS SET UP SLIGHTLY**

Placement of broiler chicks in Alabama during the week ending December 22, 2012 was 21.4 million, down slightly from the previous week, but up 4 percent from the comparable week last year, according to the USDA, NASS Alabama Field Office. An estimated 27.7 million broiler type eggs were set by Alabama hatcheries, up slightly from the previous week, and up slightly 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 17	27,403	27,978	102	17,798	19,390	109
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	27,628	98	20,541	21,156	103
Dec 15	27,904	27,607	99	19,985	21,449	107
Dec 22	27,704	27,736	100	20,588	21,366	104

BROILER CHICKS PLACED IN ALABAMA BY WEEK, 2011-2012



Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	November 17, 2012	November 24, 2012	December 1, 2012	December 8, 2012	December 15, 2012	December 22, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,978	28,045	27,975	27,628	27,607	27,736
Arkansas	21,588	21,532	21,963	20,830	21,845	21,128
Delaware	3,415	3,413	3,415	3,414	3,415	3,414
Florida	1,351	1,353	1,655	1,048	1,350	1,353
Georgia	32,130	32,298	34,317	30,251	32,433	32,432
Kentucky	7,966	7,350	7,283	7,696	7,694	7,679
Louisiana	3,288	3,258	3,258	3,273	3,288	3,304
Maryland	7,158	7,182	7,067	7,117	7,185	7,153
Mississippi	16,865	17,178	17,089	17,377	16,927	16,575
Missouri	8,040	8,013	8,012	7,713	7,881	7,897
North Carolina	19,640	20,043	20,022	19,259	19,992	19,979
Oklahoma	6,830	6,825	7,026	6,809	6,581	6,968
Pennsylvania	3,749	3,701	3,935	3,583	3,812	3,729
South Carolina	5,397	5,657	5,557	5,316	4,675	5,462
Texas	14,128	14,212	14,764	13,761	14,237	14,033
Virginia	6,275	6,455	6,638	6,002	6,476	6,490
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,830	10,420	10,939	9,443	9,694	10,575
19 State total	196,628	196,935	200,915	190,520	195,092	195,907
Previous year total	195,158	194,560	194,178	194,887	194,602	195,380
Percent of previous year	101	101	103	98	100	100

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	November 17, 2012	November 24, 2012	December 1, 2012	December 8, 2012	December 15, 2012	December 22, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	19,390	17,883	19,786	21,156	21,449	21,366
Arkansas	20,306	18,987	19,476	19,134	20,377	19,661
Delaware	4,371	4,309	3,550	3,831	4,086	3,744
Florida	1,326	1,162	1,020	1,369	1,311	1,304
Georgia	24,885	24,958	26,525	25,978	26,221	27,338
Kentucky	5,745	5,875	5,542	6,122	6,315	5,624
Louisiana	2,891	2,664	2,642	2,940	2,912	2,958
Maryland	5,307	5,710	7,060	6,526	6,198	5,513
Mississippi	13,993	12,984	14,757	14,396	14,770	14,652
Missouri	5,265	4,869	5,316	5,768	5,720	5,633
North Carolina	15,712	16,127	16,728	15,865	16,416	16,861
Oklahoma	3,680	3,997	4,204	5,307	4,718	5,273
Pennsylvania	2,488	2,772	2,804	3,084	2,900	3,283
South Carolina	4,184	4,885	3,843	5,064	4,344	4,763
Texas	11,256	11,162	11,832	11,940	11,809	12,416
Virginia	4,507	3,929	3,592	4,264	4,456	4,973
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,589	9,465	10,742	10,657	9,602	11,489
19 State total	155,895	151,738	159,419	163,401	163,604	166,851
Previous year total	152,567	156,853	160,576	162,541	162,116	162,753
Percent of previous year	102	97	99	101	101	103

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.