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 142 million eggs during the week ending March 30, 1991. This was 2 percent above the 138 million set the corresponding week a year earlier and 2 percent above the previous week. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 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 114 million chicks for broiler production during the week ending March 30, 1991. Placements were 2 percent above placements for the comparable week in 1990 and 1 percent below the previous week. Cumulative placements from November 4, 1990, through March 30, 1991, were 2.28 billion, 3 percent above the 2.20 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES

STATE	WEEK ENDING					
	FEB 23	MAR 2	MAR 9	MAR 16	MAR 23	MAR 30
	THOUSANDS					
AL	23,806	24,068	*24,015	23,827	23,701	24,062
AR	26,320	26,113	26,237	26,228	25,368	26,512
DE	4,350	4,349	4,394	4,300	4,123	4,444
FL	3,137	*3,257	3,278	3,296	3,316	2,994
GA	22,091	22,334	*22,432	22,325	22,095	22,085
MD	8,674	8,759	8,790	8,808	8,920	9,032
MS	10,398	10,472	10,377	10,464	10,552	10,667
NC	14,282	14,187	14,267	14,630	14,760	14,404
PA	2,970	3,223	3,139	3,248	3,026	3,278
SC	2,188	2,055	2,110	2,210	2,109	2,291
TX	9,528	9,501	9,600	9,600	*9,519	9,389
VA	4,459	4,576	4,463	4,572	4,614	4,531
CA TN & WV	8,408	8,242	7,744	7,476	7,433	8,070
1991 TOTAL	140,611	*141,136	*140,846	140,984	*139,536	141,759
1990 TOTAL	135,458	136,247	136,950	137,003	135,956	138,366
% OF PREV YR	104	104	103	103	103	102

BROILER CHICKS PLACED IN 15 SELECTED STATES

STATE	WEEK ENDING					
	FEB 23	MAR 2	MAR 9	MAR 16	MAR 23	MAR 30
	THOUSANDS					
AL	17,542	17,776	18,105	17,985	17,867	17,978
AR	19,146	19,613	20,096	19,685	*20,439	19,970
DE	4,921	4,804	5,146	4,762	4,941	5,509
FL	2,384	2,383	2,315	2,394	2,499	2,604
GA	17,216	17,962	17,856	18,041	*18,145	18,098
MD	5,387	5,820	5,436	5,694	5,629	5,148
MS	9,249	9,134	9,374	9,186	9,191	9,350
NC	10,419	11,337	11,430	11,294	11,489	11,097
PA	2,303	2,278	2,326	2,152	2,307	2,470
SC	1,996	1,988	1,923	1,841	1,936	1,887
TX	7,009	6,684	*7,028	7,066	*7,059	7,256
VA	4,592	4,308	4,192	4,588	4,495	4,631
CA TN & WV	8,107	7,904	8,255	8,238	8,397	7,804
1991 TOTAL	110,271	111,991	*113,482	112,926	*114,394	113,802
1990 TOTAL	105,340	105,852	107,843	109,631	110,602	111,597
% OF PREV YR	105	106	105	103	103	102

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