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 143 million eggs during the week ending April 20, 1991. This was 2 percent above the 140 million eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier and 1 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 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 115 million chicks for broiler production during the week ending April 20, 1991. Placements were 3 percent above placements for the comparable week in 1990 and 2 percent above the previous week. Cumulative placements from November 4, 1990, through April 20, 1991, were 2.62 billion, 3 percent above the 2.54 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES

STATE	WEEK ENDING					
	MAR 16	MAR 23	MAR 30	APR 6	APR 13	APR 20
	THOUSANDS					
AL	23,827	23,596	*24,171	24,367	24,196	24,555
AR	26,228	25,368	26,512	26,481	26,125	26,123
DE	4,300	4,123	4,444	4,441	4,379	4,473
FL	3,296	3,316	2,994	3,259	3,207	3,198
GA	22,290	22,231	22,108	21,942	22,171	21,999
MD	8,808	*8,904	*8,918	*9,188	*9,000	9,040
MS	10,464	10,552	10,667	10,716	10,657	10,871
NC	14,630	14,760	14,404	14,488	14,434	14,629
PA	3,248	3,026	3,278	3,247	3,150	3,039
SC	2,210	2,109	2,291	2,275	2,314	2,363
TX	9,600	9,473	*9,463	*9,656	*9,680	9,794
VA	4,572	4,614	4,531	4,728	4,721	4,449
CA TN & WV	7,476	*7,363	*7,780	7,890	*8,395	8,957
1991 TOTAL	140,949	*139,435	*141,561	*142,678	*142,429	143,490
1990 TOTAL	137,003	135,956	138,366	139,546	139,943	140,070
% OF PREV YR	103	103	102	102	102	102

BROILER CHICKS PLACED IN 15 SELECTED STATES

STATE	WEEK ENDING					
	MAR 16	MAR 23	MAR 30	APR 6	APR 13	APR 20
	THOUSANDS					
AL	17,985	17,867	17,988	17,992	17,705	17,984
AR	19,685	20,439	19,959	19,651	*19,711	20,587
DE	4,762	4,941	5,509	4,877	4,813	4,943
FL	2,394	2,499	2,604	2,181	2,415	2,466
GA	18,041	18,145	18,133	18,308	17,637	18,033
MD	5,694	5,629	*5,149	5,807	*5,753	5,881
MS	9,186	9,191	9,350	*9,391	9,304	9,430
NC	11,294	11,489	11,097	11,296	11,097	11,414
PA	2,152	2,307	2,470	2,400	2,240	2,358
SC	1,841	1,936	1,887	2,108	2,107	2,067
TX	*7,077	*7,071	*7,097	*7,154	*7,044	7,176
VA	4,588	4,495	4,631	4,671	4,878	4,658
CA TN & WV	8,238	*8,427	7,806	7,466	*7,412	7,918
1991 TOTAL	*112,937	*114,436	*113,680	*113,302	*112,116	114,915
1990 TOTAL	109,631	110,602	111,597	111,031	109,801	111,160
% OF PREV YR	103	103	102	102	102	103

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