



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 in incubators 182 million eggs during the week ending January 1, 2000. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 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 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 1, 2000. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through January 1, 2000, were 7.40 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 27 1999	Dec 4 1999	Dec 11 1999	Dec 18 1999	Dec 25 1999	Jan 1 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,035	27,970	*28,280	28,275	*28,230	28,442
AR	29,920	29,683	30,315	30,644	30,429	30,368
DE	4,330	4,456	4,326	4,088	4,328	4,324
FL	2,809	2,696	2,615	2,591	2,682	2,637
GA	30,965	*31,429	31,129	31,565	31,283	31,674
MD	8,784	8,683	8,523	8,659	8,552	8,776
MS	18,167	18,261	18,203	17,685	*17,281	18,051
NC	17,789	17,881	17,443	17,931	17,682	17,650
PA	3,367	3,520	3,718	3,698	*3,485	3,676
SC	4,969	4,661	4,836	4,980	4,962	4,778
TX	*13,552	*13,628	*13,684	*14,712	*14,057	13,893
VA	6,250	6,335	6,368	6,404	*6,343	6,385
CA, TN, & WV	11,587	10,616	*11,558	10,980	*10,658	11,394
15 State Total	*180,524	*179,819	*180,998	*182,212	*179,972	182,048
Previous Year Total	180,153	175,890	180,668	180,235	179,725	178,719
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	102	100	101	100	102

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 27 1999	Dec 4 1999	Dec 11 1999	Dec 18 1999	Dec 25 1999	Jan 1 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,047	19,976	19,792	20,669	*20,974	20,993
AR	21,399	23,566	24,619	24,092	23,503	23,889
DE	5,688	4,965	5,096	4,887	*5,064	5,526
FL	2,349	2,687	2,559	2,268	2,470	2,379
GA	23,792	24,770	24,217	24,869	*25,226	24,125
MD	5,361	5,800	5,761	6,403	*6,174	5,513
MS	13,996	14,029	13,381	14,763	*14,404	14,939
NC	13,757	13,799	13,623	14,067	13,613	13,465
PA	2,786	2,637	2,824	2,741	*2,633	2,900
SC	3,746	3,752	3,851	3,791	4,070	4,402
TX	10,765	*10,697	*10,775	*10,828	*10,767	10,831
VA	5,395	5,681	5,285	4,939	*5,192	5,169
CA, TN, & WV	9,781	10,253	*10,127	10,635	*9,187	10,537
15 State Total	137,862	*142,612	*141,910	*144,952	*143,277	144,668
Previous Year Total	136,717	142,295	142,208	143,605	139,166	141,868
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	100	101	103	102

* Revised.