



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 181 million eggs during the week ending January 8, 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 144 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 8, 2000. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 1999.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 4 1999	Dec 11 1999	Dec 18 1999	Dec 25 1999	Jan 1 2000	Jan 8 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,970	28,280	*28,390	28,230	28,442	28,634
AR	29,683	30,315	30,644	30,429	*30,320	29,988
DE	4,456	4,326	4,088	4,328	4,324	3,956
FL	2,696	2,615	*2,633	2,682	2,637	2,796
GA	31,429	31,129	*31,527	31,283	*31,646	31,697
MD	8,683	8,523	8,659	8,552	8,776	8,630
MS	18,261	18,203	17,685	17,281	18,051	17,816
NC	17,881	17,443	17,931	17,682	17,650	17,582
PA	3,520	3,718	3,698	3,485	*3,858	3,698
SC	4,661	4,836	4,980	4,962	4,778	4,930
TX	13,628	13,684	*13,712	14,057	13,893	14,005
VA	6,335	6,368	6,404	6,343	6,385	6,396
CA, TN, & WV	10,616	11,558	*10,466	10,658	11,394	11,311
15 State Total	179,819	180,998	*180,817	179,972	*182,154	181,439
Previous Year Total	175,890	180,668	180,235	179,725	178,719	178,429
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	100	100	100	102	102

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 4 1999	Dec 11 1999	Dec 18 1999	Dec 25 1999	Jan 1 2000	Jan 8 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,976	19,792	20,669	20,974	20,993	21,008
AR	23,566	24,619	24,092	23,503	*23,880	24,005
DE	4,965	5,096	4,887	5,064	5,526	5,314
FL	2,687	2,559	2,268	2,470	2,379	2,372
GA	24,770	24,217	24,869	25,226	*24,083	24,027
MD	5,800	5,761	6,403	6,174	5,513	5,583
MS	14,029	13,381	14,763	14,404	14,939	14,946
NC	13,799	13,623	14,067	13,613	13,465	13,776
PA	2,637	2,824	2,741	2,633	*2,645	2,803
SC	3,752	3,851	3,791	4,070	4,402	4,547
TX	10,697	10,775	10,828	10,767	10,831	10,823
VA	5,681	5,285	4,939	5,192	5,169	5,272
CA, TN, & WV	10,253	10,127	10,635	9,187	10,537	9,707
15 State Total	142,612	141,910	144,952	143,277	*144,362	144,183
Previous Year Total	142,295	142,208	143,605	139,166	141,868	144,630
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	101	103	102	100

* Revised.