



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 1 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 180 million eggs during the week ending January 15, 2000. This was up 1 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 15, 2000. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through January 15, 2000, were 289 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 11 1999	Dec 18 1999	Dec 25 1999	Jan 1 2000	Jan 8 2000	Jan 15 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,280	28,390	*28,097	28,442	28,634	28,764
AR	30,315	30,644	30,429	30,320	29,988	29,410
DE	4,326	4,088	4,328	4,324	3,956	4,349
FL	2,615	2,633	2,682	2,637	2,796	2,657
GA	31,129	31,527	*31,237	31,646	31,697	31,268
MD	8,523	8,659	8,552	8,776	8,630	8,484
MS	18,203	17,685	*17,821	18,051	17,816	17,238
NC	17,443	17,931	17,682	17,650	17,582	17,759
PA	3,718	3,698	*3,487	*3,810	*3,504	3,639
SC	4,836	4,980	4,962	4,778	4,930	4,795
TX	13,684	13,712	14,057	13,893	14,005	13,854
VA	6,368	6,404	6,343	6,385	6,396	6,376
CA, TN, & WV	11,558	10,466	10,658	11,394	11,311	11,124
15 State Total	180,998	180,817	*180,335	*182,106	*181,245	179,717
Previous Year Total	180,668	180,235	179,725	178,719	178,429	177,385
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	100	102	102	101

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 11 1999	Dec 18 1999	Dec 25 1999	Jan 1 2000	Jan 8 2000	Jan 15 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,792	20,669	20,974	20,993	*21,002	21,352
AR	24,619	24,092	23,503	23,880	24,005	24,581
DE	5,096	4,887	5,064	5,526	5,314	4,896
FL	2,559	2,268	2,470	2,379	2,372	2,117
GA	24,217	24,869	25,226	24,083	*23,985	24,021
MD	5,761	6,403	6,174	5,513	5,583	6,104
MS	13,381	14,763	14,404	14,939	14,946	14,897
NC	13,623	14,067	13,613	13,465	13,776	13,748
PA	2,824	2,741	*2,649	*2,667	*2,762	2,827
SC	3,851	3,791	4,070	4,402	4,547	3,989
TX	10,775	10,828	10,767	10,831	10,823	11,076
VA	5,285	4,939	5,192	5,169	*5,269	5,145
CA, TN, & WV	10,127	10,635	9,187	10,537	9,707	10,068
15 State Total	141,910	144,952	*143,293	*144,384	*144,091	144,821
Previous Year Total	142,208	143,605	139,166	141,868	144,630	141,953
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	103	102	100	102

\* Revised.