



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 182 million eggs during the week ending January 22, 2000. This was up 3 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 22, 2000. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through January 22, 2000, were 434 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 18 1999	Dec 25 1999	Jan 1 2000	Jan 8 2000	Jan 15 2000	Jan 22 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,390	28,097	28,442	28,634	28,764	28,543
AR	30,644	30,429	30,320	29,988	29,410	30,610
DE	4,088	4,328	4,324	3,956	4,349	4,446
FL	2,633	2,682	2,637	2,796	2,657	2,729
GA	31,527	31,237	*31,585	31,697	31,268	31,475
MD	8,659	8,552	8,776	8,630	8,484	8,411
MS	17,685	17,821	*17,601	17,816	17,238	17,855
NC	17,931	17,682	17,650	17,582	17,759	17,334
PA	3,698	3,487	3,810	3,504	*3,636	4,120
SC	4,980	4,962	4,778	4,930	4,795	4,948
TX	13,712	14,057	13,893	14,005	13,854	14,097
VA	6,404	6,343	6,385	6,396	6,376	6,313
CA, TN, & WV	10,466	10,658	11,394	11,311	*11,069	10,770
15 State Total	180,817	180,335	*181,595	181,245	*179,659	181,651
Previous Year Total	180,235	179,725	178,719	178,429	177,385	175,708
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	102	102	101	103

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 18 1999	Dec 25 1999	Jan 1 2000	Jan 8 2000	Jan 15 2000	Jan 22 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,669	20,974	20,993	21,002	21,352	21,428
AR	24,092	23,503	23,880	24,005	24,581	25,128
DE	4,887	5,064	5,526	5,314	*5,210	4,823
FL	2,268	2,470	2,379	2,372	2,117	2,185
GA	24,869	25,226	24,083	23,985	*24,033	24,834
MD	6,403	6,174	5,513	5,583	*5,528	6,355
MS	14,763	14,404	14,939	14,946	14,897	14,178
NC	14,067	13,613	13,465	13,776	13,748	13,571
PA	2,741	2,649	2,667	2,762	*2,820	2,792
SC	3,791	4,070	4,402	4,547	3,989	3,853
TX	10,828	10,767	10,831	10,823	11,076	10,947
VA	4,939	5,192	5,169	5,269	*5,354	5,202
CA, TN, & WV	10,635	9,187	10,537	9,707	*10,073	9,912
15 State Total	144,952	143,293	144,384	144,091	*144,778	145,208
Previous Year Total	143,605	139,166	141,868	144,630	141,953	142,888
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	103	102	100	102	102

* Revised.