



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 180 million eggs during the week ending January 29, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 29, 2000. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through January 29, 2000, were 579 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 25 1999	Jan 1 2000	Jan 8 2000	Jan 15 2000	Jan 22 2000	Jan 29 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,097	28,442	28,634	28,764	*28,569	28,355
AR	30,429	30,320	*30,205	29,410	30,610	29,945
DE	4,328	4,324	*4,349	4,349	4,446	4,339
FL	2,682	2,637	2,796	2,657	2,729	2,734
GA	31,237	31,585	*31,742	*31,338	*31,490	31,051
MD	8,552	8,776	8,630	8,484	8,411	8,495
MS	17,821	17,601	17,816	17,238	17,855	17,668
NC	17,682	17,650	*17,583	17,759	17,334	16,743
PA	3,487	3,810	3,504	*3,631	*4,128	3,786
SC	4,962	4,778	4,930	4,795	*4,938	4,745
TX	14,057	13,893	14,005	13,854	14,097	14,160
VA	6,343	6,385	6,396	6,376	6,313	6,314
CA, TN, & WV	10,658	11,394	11,311	11,069	10,770	11,280
15 State Total	180,335	181,595	*181,901	*179,724	*181,690	179,615
Previous Year Total	179,725	178,719	178,429	177,385	175,708	176,765
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	102	102	101	103	102

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 25 1999	Jan 1 2000	Jan 8 2000	Jan 15 2000	Jan 22 2000	Jan 29 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,974	20,993	21,002	21,352	*21,461	20,926
AR	23,503	23,880	24,005	24,581	25,128	23,841
DE	5,064	5,526	5,314	5,210	4,823	4,412
FL	2,470	2,379	2,372	2,117	2,185	2,668
GA	25,226	24,083	23,985	*24,040	*24,859	25,085
MD	*6,175	5,513	5,583	*5,530	6,355	6,119
MS	14,404	14,939	14,946	14,897	14,178	14,978
NC	13,613	13,465	13,776	13,748	*13,333	13,702
PA	2,649	2,667	2,762	*2,778	*2,802	2,753
SC	4,070	4,402	4,547	3,989	*3,905	3,631
TX	10,767	10,831	10,823	11,076	*11,037	11,230
VA	5,192	5,169	5,269	5,354	5,202	5,684
CA, TN, & WV	9,187	10,537	9,707	10,073	9,912	10,071
15 State Total	*143,294	144,384	144,091	*144,745	*145,180	145,100
Previous Year Total	139,166	141,868	144,630	141,953	142,888	141,088
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	100	102	102	103

* Revised.