



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 179 million eggs during the week ending February 5, 2000. This was up slightly 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 144 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 5, 2000. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through February 5, 2000, were 724 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 1 2000	Jan 8 2000	Jan 15 2000	Jan 22 2000	Jan 29 2000	Feb 5 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,442	28,634	*28,622	28,569	28,355	28,691
AR	30,320	30,205	29,410	30,610	29,945	29,942
DE	4,324	4,349	4,349	4,446	4,339	4,321
FL	2,637	2,796	*2,697	2,729	2,734	2,609
GA	31,585	31,742	31,338	31,490	31,051	31,331
MD	8,776	8,630	8,484	8,411	8,495	7,773
MS	17,601	17,816	*18,124	17,855	17,668	17,451
NC	17,650	17,583	*17,717	17,334	16,743	16,830
PA	3,810	3,504	3,631	4,128	*3,767	3,388
SC	4,778	4,930	4,795	4,938	4,745	4,813
TX	13,893	14,005	*13,849	*14,092	*14,155	14,097
VA	6,385	6,396	6,376	6,313	6,314	6,293
CA, TN, & WV	11,394	11,311	11,069	10,770	11,280	11,310
15 State Total	181,595	181,901	*180,461	*181,685	*179,591	178,849
Previous Year Total	178,719	178,429	177,385	175,708	176,765	178,393
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	103	102	100

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 1 2000	Jan 8 2000	Jan 15 2000	Jan 22 2000	Jan 29 2000	Feb 5 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,993	21,002	21,352	21,461	*20,737	20,670
AR	23,880	24,005	24,581	25,128	23,841	23,588
DE	5,526	5,314	5,210	4,823	4,412	5,793
FL	2,379	2,372	2,117	2,185	2,668	2,262
GA	24,083	23,985	24,040	24,859	*25,080	24,490
MD	5,513	5,583	5,530	6,355	6,119	4,972
MS	14,939	14,946	14,897	14,178	14,978	15,234
NC	13,465	13,776	13,748	13,333	13,702	13,667
PA	2,667	2,762	2,778	2,802	*2,758	2,722
SC	4,402	4,547	3,989	3,905	3,631	4,240
TX	10,831	*10,822	11,076	*11,036	*11,229	11,175
VA	5,169	5,269	5,354	5,202	5,684	5,334
CA, TN, & WV	10,537	9,707	10,073	9,912	*10,805	10,156
15 State Total	144,384	*144,090	144,745	*145,179	*145,644	144,303
Previous Year Total	141,868	144,630	141,953	142,888	141,088	139,657
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	100	102	102	103	103

* Revised.