



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 178 million eggs during the week ending February 12, 2000. This was down 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 5 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 146 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 12, 2000. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through February 12, 2000, were 870 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 8 2000	Jan 15 2000	Jan 22 2000	Jan 29 2000	Feb 5 2000	Feb 12 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,634	28,622	*29,120	28,355	28,691	28,495
AR	30,205	*29,628	30,610	29,945	29,942	30,057
DE	4,349	4,349	4,446	4,339	4,321	4,048
FL	2,796	2,697	2,729	2,734	2,609	2,709
GA	31,742	31,338	31,490	31,051	*31,286	30,745
MD	8,630	8,484	8,411	8,495	7,773	8,523
MS	17,816	18,124	17,855	17,668	17,451	17,806
NC	17,583	17,717	*17,507	16,743	16,830	16,946
PA	3,504	3,631	4,128	3,767	*3,322	3,461
SC	4,930	4,795	4,938	4,745	4,813	4,761
TX	14,005	13,849	14,092	14,155	14,097	13,624
VA	6,396	6,376	6,313	6,314	6,293	6,331
CA, TN, & WV	11,311	11,069	10,770	11,280	11,310	10,850
15 State Total	181,901	*180,679	*182,409	179,591	*178,738	178,356
Previous Year Total	178,429	177,385	175,708	176,765	178,393	180,542
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	104	102	100	99

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 8 2000	Jan 15 2000	Jan 22 2000	Jan 29 2000	Feb 5 2000	Feb 12 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,002	21,352	21,461	20,737	20,670	21,190
AR	24,005	24,581	25,128	23,841	23,588	24,678
DE	5,314	5,210	4,823	4,412	5,793	5,736
FL	2,372	2,117	2,185	2,668	2,262	2,331
GA	23,985	24,040	24,859	25,080	*24,482	24,670
MD	5,583	5,530	6,355	6,119	4,972	5,349
MS	14,946	14,897	14,178	14,978	15,234	15,057
NC	13,776	13,748	13,333	13,702	*13,666	13,856
PA	2,762	2,778	2,802	2,758	*2,741	2,733
SC	4,547	3,989	3,905	3,631	4,240	3,642
TX	10,822	11,076	11,036	11,229	11,175	11,178
VA	5,269	5,354	5,202	5,684	5,334	4,897
CA, TN, & WV	9,707	10,073	9,912	10,805	10,156	10,630
15 State Total	144,090	144,745	145,179	145,644	*144,313	145,947
Previous Year Total	144,630	141,953	142,888	141,088	139,657	139,631
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	102	102	103	103	105

\* Revised.