



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 2 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 178 million eggs during the week ending February 19, 2000. This was down 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 19, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through February 19, 2000, were 1.01 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 15 2000	Jan 22 2000	Jan 29 2000	Feb 5 2000	Feb 12 2000	Feb 19 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,622	29,120	28,355	28,691	*28,469	26,735
AR	29,628	30,610	29,945	29,942	30,057	30,293
DE	4,349	4,446	4,339	4,321	4,048	4,498
FL	2,697	2,729	2,734	2,609	2,709	2,696
GA	31,338	31,490	31,051	*31,186	30,745	30,649
MD	8,484	8,411	8,495	7,773	8,523	8,114
MS	18,124	17,855	*17,819	17,451	17,806	17,348
NC	17,717	17,507	*16,182	16,830	16,946	17,358
PA	3,631	*3,453	3,767	3,322	*3,421	3,532
SC	4,795	4,938	4,745	4,813	4,761	4,943
TX	13,849	14,092	14,155	14,097	13,624	14,265
VA	6,376	6,313	6,314	6,293	6,331	6,544
CA, TN, & WV	11,069	10,770	11,280	11,310	10,850	11,346
15 State Total	180,679	*181,734	*179,181	*178,638	*178,290	178,321
Previous Year Total	177,385	175,708	176,765	178,393	180,542	181,671
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	101	100	99	98

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 15 2000	Jan 22 2000	Jan 29 2000	Feb 5 2000	Feb 12 2000	Feb 19 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,352	21,461	20,737	20,670	*21,063	20,470
AR	24,581	25,128	23,841	23,588	24,678	23,845
DE	5,210	4,823	4,412	5,793	*5,986	5,128
FL	2,117	2,185	2,668	2,262	*2,354	2,691
GA	24,040	24,859	25,080	24,482	*24,738	25,070
MD	5,530	6,355	6,119	4,972	*4,940	5,583
MS	14,897	14,178	14,978	15,234	15,057	15,039
NC	13,748	13,333	13,702	13,666	13,856	12,376
PA	2,778	2,802	2,758	2,741	*2,729	2,791
SC	3,989	3,905	3,631	4,240	3,642	3,631
TX	11,076	11,036	11,229	11,175	11,178	11,178
VA	5,354	5,202	5,684	5,334	*5,027	5,353
CA, TN, & WV	10,073	9,912	10,805	10,156	10,630	10,114
15 State Total	144,745	145,179	145,644	144,313	*145,878	143,269
Previous Year Total	141,953	142,888	141,088	139,657	139,631	141,723
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	103	103	104	101

\* Revised.