



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 183 million eggs during the week ending February 26, 2000. This was up 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 Down 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 26, 2000. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through February 26, 2000, were 1.15 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 22 2000	Jan 29 2000	Feb 5 2000	Feb 12 2000	Feb 19 2000	Feb 26 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,120	28,355	28,691	28,469	26,735	29,089
AR	30,610	29,945	29,942	30,057	*30,209	29,957
DE	4,446	4,339	4,321	4,048	4,498	4,545
FL	2,729	2,734	2,609	2,709	2,696	2,844
GA	31,490	31,051	*31,406	30,745	30,649	31,799
MD	8,411	8,495	7,773	8,523	8,114	8,586
MS	17,855	17,819	17,451	17,806	17,348	17,392
NC	17,507	16,182	*16,490	16,946	17,358	17,512
PA	3,453	3,767	3,322	3,421	*3,566	3,344
SC	4,938	4,745	4,813	4,761	4,943	4,939
TX	14,092	*14,101	14,097	13,624	14,265	14,425
VA	6,313	6,314	6,293	6,331	6,544	6,553
CA, TN, & WV	10,770	11,280	11,310	10,850	11,346	11,518
15 State Total	181,734	*179,127	*178,518	178,290	*178,271	182,503
Previous Year Total	175,708	176,765	178,393	180,542	181,671	181,421
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	101	100	99	98	101

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 22 2000	Jan 29 2000	Feb 5 2000	Feb 12 2000	Feb 19 2000	Feb 26 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,461	20,737	20,670	21,063	20,470	20,496
AR	25,128	23,841	23,588	24,678	*23,844	23,384
DE	4,823	4,412	5,793	5,986	5,128	4,202
FL	2,185	2,668	2,262	2,354	2,691	2,282
GA	24,859	25,080	24,482	24,738	*25,167	24,726
MD	6,355	6,119	4,972	4,940	5,583	6,092
MS	14,178	14,978	15,234	15,057	15,039	14,596
NC	13,333	13,702	13,666	13,856	12,376	12,605
PA	2,802	2,758	2,741	2,729	*2,826	2,608
SC	3,905	3,631	4,240	3,642	3,631	3,903
TX	11,036	11,229	11,175	11,178	11,178	11,131
VA	5,202	5,684	5,334	5,027	5,353	4,840
CA, TN, & WV	9,912	10,805	10,156	10,630	*10,012	10,255
15 State Total	145,179	145,644	144,313	145,878	*143,298	141,120
Previous Year Total	142,888	141,088	139,657	139,631	141,723	142,736
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	103	104	101	99

\* Revised.