



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 184 million eggs during the week ending March 4, 2000. This was down 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 Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 4, 2000. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through March 4, 2000, were 1.30 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 29 2000	Feb 5 2000	Feb 12 2000	Feb 19 2000	Feb 26 2000	Mar 4 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,355	28,691	*28,151	26,735	*29,036	28,727
AR	*29,971	29,942	*30,083	*30,248	*30,009	30,063
DE	4,339	4,321	4,048	4,498	4,545	4,458
FL	2,734	2,609	2,709	2,696	2,844	2,836
GA	31,051	31,406	30,745	30,649	31,799	31,837
MD	8,495	7,773	8,523	8,114	8,586	8,966
MS	17,819	17,451	*17,624	17,348	17,392	17,693
NC	16,182	16,490	*17,147	17,358	17,512	18,281
PA	3,767	3,322	3,421	3,566	*3,389	3,627
SC	4,745	4,813	4,761	4,943	4,939	4,912
TX	*14,117	*14,112	*13,633	*14,280	*14,440	14,603
VA	6,314	6,293	6,331	6,544	6,553	6,554
CA, TN, & WV	11,280	11,310	10,850	11,346	11,518	11,215
15 State Total	*179,169	*178,533	*178,026	*178,325	*182,562	183,772
Previous Year Total	176,765	178,393	180,542	181,671	181,421	184,036
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	99	98	101	100

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 29 2000	Feb 5 2000	Feb 12 2000	Feb 19 2000	Feb 26 2000	Mar 4 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,737	20,670	21,063	20,470	*21,193	20,572
AR	23,841	23,588	24,678	23,844	23,384	24,043
DE	4,412	5,793	5,986	5,128	4,202	4,819
FL	2,668	2,262	2,354	2,691	2,282	2,232
GA	25,080	24,482	24,738	25,167	*24,691	24,049
MD	6,119	4,972	4,940	5,583	6,092	5,694
MS	14,978	15,234	15,057	15,039	14,596	14,704
NC	13,702	13,666	13,856	12,376	12,605	13,134
PA	2,758	2,741	2,729	2,826	*2,724	2,564
SC	3,631	4,240	3,642	3,631	3,903	3,773
TX	11,229	*11,188	*11,190	*11,191	*11,144	10,659
VA	5,684	5,334	5,027	5,353	4,840	4,959
CA, TN, & WV	10,805	10,156	10,630	10,012	*9,718	9,925
15 State Total	145,644	*144,326	*145,890	*143,311	*141,374	141,127
Previous Year Total	141,088	139,657	139,631	141,723	142,736	144,008
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	104	101	99	98

* Revised.