



# 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 185 million eggs during the week ending March 11, 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 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 11, 2000. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through March 11, 2000, were 1.44 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 5 2000	Feb 12 2000	Feb 19 2000	Feb 26 2000	Mar 4 2000	Mar 11 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,691	28,151	26,735	29,036	*28,799	29,147
AR	29,942	30,083	30,248	30,009	30,063	30,257
DE	4,321	4,048	4,498	4,545	4,458	4,493
FL	2,609	2,709	*2,726	2,844	2,836	2,765
GA	31,406	*30,778	*30,673	31,799	31,837	32,132
MD	7,773	8,523	8,114	8,586	8,966	8,583
MS	17,451	17,624	17,348	17,392	17,693	18,299
NC	16,490	17,147	*17,635	17,512	*18,320	18,132
PA	3,322	3,421	3,566	3,389	3,627	3,674
SC	4,813	4,761	4,943	4,939	4,912	5,033
TX	14,112	13,633	*14,275	*14,435	14,603	14,412
VA	6,293	6,331	6,544	6,553	*6,612	6,591
CA, TN, & WV	11,310	10,850	*10,913	11,518	11,215	11,129
15 State Total	178,533	*178,059	*178,218	*182,557	*183,941	184,647
Previous Year Total	178,393	180,542	181,671	181,421	184,036	183,423
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	98	101	100	101

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 5 2000	Feb 12 2000	Feb 19 2000	Feb 26 2000	Mar 4 2000	Mar 11 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,670	21,063	20,470	21,193	20,572	21,085
AR	23,588	24,678	23,844	23,384	24,043	23,484
DE	5,793	5,986	5,128	4,202	4,819	5,370
FL	2,262	2,354	2,691	2,282	2,232	2,425
GA	24,482	*24,706	25,167	24,691	*24,033	23,396
MD	4,972	4,940	5,583	6,092	5,694	5,134
MS	15,234	15,057	15,039	14,596	14,704	14,639
NC	13,666	13,856	12,376	12,605	13,134	13,393
PA	2,741	2,729	2,826	2,724	2,564	2,682
SC	4,240	3,642	3,631	3,903	3,773	4,777
TX	11,188	11,190	11,191	11,144	10,659	11,227
VA	5,334	5,027	5,353	4,840	*5,047	5,236
CA, TN, & WV	10,156	10,630	10,012	9,718	*9,850	9,676
15 State Total	144,326	*145,858	143,311	141,374	*141,124	142,524
Previous Year Total	139,657	139,631	141,723	142,736	144,008	146,463
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	101	99	98	97

\* Revised.