



# 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 184 million eggs during the week ending March 18, 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 18, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through March 18, 2000, were 1.59 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 12 2000	Feb 19 2000	Feb 26 2000	Mar 4 2000	Mar 11 2000	Mar 18 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,151	26,735	29,036	28,799	29,147	28,641
AR	30,083	30,248	30,009	30,063	30,257	30,563
DE	4,048	4,498	4,545	4,458	4,493	4,317
FL	2,709	2,726	2,844	2,836	2,765	2,893
GA	30,778	30,673	31,799	31,837	32,132	31,162
MD	8,523	8,114	8,586	8,966	8,583	9,101
MS	17,624	17,348	*17,958	17,693	18,299	18,269
NC	17,147	17,635	*17,762	18,320	18,132	18,032
PA	3,421	3,566	3,389	3,627	*3,671	3,625
SC	4,761	4,943	4,939	4,912	5,033	4,837
TX	13,633	14,275	14,435	14,603	14,412	14,437
VA	6,331	6,544	6,553	6,612	6,591	6,546
CA, TN, & WV	10,850	10,913	11,518	11,215	*11,282	11,641
15 State Total	178,059	178,218	*183,373	183,941	*184,797	184,064
Previous Year Total	180,542	181,671	181,421	184,036	183,423	181,719
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	101	100	101	101

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 12 2000	Feb 19 2000	Feb 26 2000	Mar 4 2000	Mar 11 2000	Mar 18 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,063	20,470	21,193	20,572	21,085	21,116
AR	24,678	23,844	23,384	24,043	23,484	25,284
DE	5,986	5,128	4,202	4,819	5,370	4,886
FL	2,354	2,691	2,282	2,232	2,425	2,540
GA	24,706	25,167	24,691	24,033	*23,375	24,469
MD	4,940	5,583	6,092	5,694	5,134	6,327
MS	15,057	15,039	14,596	14,704	14,639	15,361
NC	13,856	12,376	12,605	13,134	13,393	13,878
PA	2,729	2,826	2,724	2,564	*2,674	2,581
SC	3,642	3,631	3,903	3,773	4,777	4,125
TX	11,190	11,191	11,144	10,659	11,227	11,406
VA	5,027	5,353	4,840	5,047	5,236	5,251
CA, TN, & WV	10,630	10,012	9,718	9,850	*9,724	10,725
15 State Total	145,858	143,311	141,374	141,124	*142,543	147,949
Previous Year Total	139,631	141,723	142,736	144,008	146,463	146,092
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	101	99	98	97	101

\* Revised.