



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 184 million eggs during the week ending March 25, 2000. This was up 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 25, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through March 25, 2000, were 1.73 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 19 2000	Feb 26 2000	Mar 4 2000	Mar 11 2000	Mar 18 2000	Mar 25 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,735	29,036	*28,830	29,147	*28,399	28,571
AR	30,248	30,009	30,063	30,257	30,563	30,408
DE	4,498	4,545	4,458	*4,386	4,317	4,060
FL	2,726	2,844	2,836	2,765	2,893	2,717
GA	30,673	31,799	*31,852	32,132	31,162	31,615
MD	8,114	8,586	8,966	8,583	9,101	8,620
MS	17,348	17,958	*17,793	18,299	18,269	18,481
NC	17,635	17,762	*18,416	18,132	*18,096	17,901
PA	3,566	3,389	*3,625	*3,717	*3,672	3,704
SC	4,943	4,939	4,912	5,033	4,837	4,909
TX	14,275	14,435	14,603	14,412	14,437	14,444
VA	6,544	6,553	6,612	6,591	6,546	6,763
CA, TN, & WV	10,913	11,518	11,215	11,282	*12,038	11,465
15 State Total	178,218	183,373	*184,181	*184,736	*184,330	183,658
Previous Year Total	181,671	181,421	184,036	183,423	181,719	182,901
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	101	100	101	101	100

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 19 2000	Feb 26 2000	Mar 4 2000	Mar 11 2000	Mar 18 2000	Mar 25 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,470	21,193	20,572	21,085	*21,285	20,941
AR	23,844	23,384	24,043	23,484	25,284	24,188
DE	5,128	4,202	4,819	*5,641	4,886	4,732
FL	2,691	2,282	2,232	2,425	2,540	2,544
GA	25,167	24,691	24,033	23,375	*24,572	25,304
MD	5,583	6,092	5,694	*4,842	6,327	6,634
MS	15,039	14,596	14,704	14,639	15,361	14,622
NC	12,376	12,605	13,134	13,393	*13,906	13,895
PA	2,826	2,724	*2,574	*2,689	*2,432	2,939
SC	3,631	3,903	3,773	4,777	4,125	4,416
TX	11,191	11,144	10,659	11,227	11,406	11,576
VA	5,353	4,840	5,047	*5,237	5,251	5,394
CA, TN, & WV	10,012	9,718	9,850	9,724	*10,595	10,283
15 State Total	143,311	141,374	*141,134	*142,538	*147,970	147,468
Previous Year Total	141,723	142,736	144,008	146,463	146,092	146,241
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	99	98	97	101	101

* Revised.