



# 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 April 1, 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 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 1, 2000. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through April 1, 2000, were 1.88 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 26 2000	Mar 4 2000	Mar 11 2000	Mar 18 2000	Mar 25 2000	Apr 1 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,036	28,830	29,147	*28,417	*28,614	28,920
AR	30,009	30,063	*30,079	30,563	30,408	29,139
DE	4,545	4,458	4,386	4,317	*4,083	4,447
FL	2,844	2,836	2,765	2,893	2,717	2,892
GA	31,799	31,852	*32,117	31,162	*32,279	32,198
MD	8,586	8,966	8,583	9,101	*8,771	8,718
MS	17,958	17,793	18,299	18,269	18,481	18,496
NC	17,762	18,416	*18,391	18,096	17,901	18,192
PA	3,389	3,625	3,717	3,672	*3,687	3,739
SC	4,939	4,912	5,033	4,837	4,909	4,930
TX	14,435	14,603	14,412	14,437	14,444	14,464
VA	6,553	6,612	6,591	6,546	6,763	6,604
CA, TN, & WV	11,518	11,215	11,282	12,038	11,465	11,767
15 State Total	183,373	184,181	*184,802	*184,348	*184,522	184,506
Previous Year Total	181,421	184,036	183,423	181,719	182,901	181,878
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	101	101	101	101

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 26 2000	Mar 4 2000	Mar 11 2000	Mar 18 2000	Mar 25 2000	Apr 1 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,193	20,572	21,085	21,285	*20,970	21,785
AR	23,384	24,043	23,484	25,284	24,188	24,761
DE	4,202	4,819	5,641	4,886	*4,444	4,720
FL	2,282	2,232	2,425	2,540	2,544	2,486
GA	24,691	24,033	23,375	24,572	*25,531	25,886
MD	6,092	5,694	4,842	6,327	*6,891	5,858
MS	14,596	14,704	*14,519	*15,241	*14,502	15,478
NC	12,605	13,134	13,393	13,906	13,895	14,004
PA	2,724	2,574	2,689	2,432	*2,934	2,811
SC	3,903	3,773	4,777	4,125	4,416	3,956
TX	11,144	10,659	11,227	11,406	11,576	11,413
VA	4,840	5,047	5,237	5,251	5,394	6,037
CA, TN, & WV	9,718	9,850	9,724	10,595	*10,081	10,748
15 State Total	141,374	141,134	*142,418	*147,850	*147,366	149,943
Previous Year Total	142,736	144,008	146,463	146,092	146,241	146,244
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	97	101	101	103

\* Revised.