



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 187 million eggs during the week ending April 8, 2000. This was up 2 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 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 8, 2000. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through April 8, 2000, were 2.03 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 4 2000	Mar 11 2000	Mar 18 2000	Mar 25 2000	Apr 1 2000	Apr 8 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,830	29,147	28,417	28,614	28,920	29,522
AR	30,063	30,079	30,563	30,408	29,139	31,071
DE	4,458	4,386	4,317	4,083	*4,395	4,230
FL	2,836	2,765	2,893	2,717	2,892	2,695
GA	31,852	32,117	*31,157	32,279	32,198	32,150
MD	8,966	8,583	9,101	8,771	8,718	8,764
MS	17,793	18,299	18,269	18,481	18,496	18,434
NC	18,416	18,391	18,096	*17,906	18,192	18,153
PA	3,625	3,717	3,672	3,687	*3,734	3,786
SC	4,912	5,033	4,837	4,909	4,930	4,859
TX	14,603	14,412	14,437	14,444	14,464	15,009
VA	6,612	6,591	6,546	6,763	6,604	6,580
CA, TN, & WV	11,215	11,282	12,038	11,465	*11,770	11,616
15 State Total	184,181	184,802	*184,343	*184,527	*184,452	186,869
Previous Year Total	184,036	183,423	181,719	182,901	181,878	183,705
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	101	101	101	102

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 4 2000	Mar 11 2000	Mar 18 2000	Mar 25 2000	Apr 1 2000	Apr 8 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,572	21,085	21,285	20,970	21,785	21,077
AR	24,043	23,484	25,284	24,188	24,761	23,653
DE	4,819	5,641	4,886	4,444	*5,099	5,047
FL	2,232	2,425	2,540	*2,560	2,486	2,363
GA	*24,023	*23,415	24,572	*25,522	*25,876	25,168
MD	5,694	4,842	6,327	6,891	*5,472	6,290
MS	14,704	14,519	*15,243	14,502	15,478	15,485
NC	*13,136	13,393	13,906	*13,883	*14,007	13,978
PA	2,574	2,689	2,432	2,934	*2,763	2,871
SC	3,773	4,777	4,125	4,416	3,956	3,298
TX	10,659	11,227	11,406	11,576	11,413	11,394
VA	5,047	5,237	5,251	5,394	*6,040	5,647
CA, TN, & WV	9,850	9,724	10,595	10,081	*10,751	10,987
15 State Total	*141,126	*142,458	*147,852	*147,361	*149,887	147,258
Previous Year Total	144,008	146,463	146,092	146,241	146,244	142,820
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	97	101	101	102	103

* Revised.