



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 15, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 15, 2000. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through April 15, 2000, were 2.18 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 11 2000	Mar 18 2000	Mar 25 2000	Apr 1 2000	Apr 8 2000	Apr 15 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,147	28,417	28,614	28,920	29,522	29,445
AR	30,079	30,563	30,408	29,139	31,071	30,893
DE	4,386	4,317	4,083	4,395	4,230	4,266
FL	2,765	2,893	*2,837	2,892	2,695	2,908
GA	32,117	31,157	*32,396	*32,315	*32,380	32,509
MD	8,583	9,101	8,771	8,718	8,764	9,016
MS	18,299	18,269	*18,508	18,496	18,434	18,484
NC	18,391	18,096	17,906	18,192	18,153	17,733
PA	3,717	3,672	3,687	3,734	*3,692	3,737
SC	5,033	4,837	4,909	4,930	4,859	4,842
TX	*14,433	14,437	14,444	14,464	15,009	14,956
VA	6,591	6,546	6,763	6,604	6,580	6,637
CA, TN, & WV	11,282	12,038	11,465	11,770	*11,957	11,495
15 State Total	*184,823	184,343	*184,791	*184,569	*187,346	186,921
Previous Year Total	183,423	181,719	182,901	181,878	183,705	183,420
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	101	101	102	102

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 11 2000	Mar 18 2000	Mar 25 2000	Apr 1 2000	Apr 8 2000	Apr 15 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,085	21,285	20,970	21,785	21,077	21,800
AR	23,484	25,284	24,188	24,761	23,653	23,680
DE	5,641	4,886	4,444	5,099	5,047	4,716
FL	2,425	2,540	2,560	2,486	2,363	2,438
GA	23,415	24,572	25,522	25,876	*25,256	25,502
MD	4,842	6,327	*6,894	5,472	*6,292	5,981
MS	14,519	15,243	14,502	15,478	15,485	15,663
NC	13,393	13,906	13,883	14,007	13,978	13,895
PA	2,689	2,432	2,934	2,763	2,871	2,801
SC	4,777	4,125	4,416	3,956	3,298	4,210
TX	*11,244	*11,422	*11,593	*11,430	11,394	11,277
VA	5,237	5,251	5,394	6,040	5,647	5,698
CA, TN, & WV	9,724	10,595	10,081	10,751	10,987	10,559
15 State Total	*142,475	*147,868	*147,381	*149,904	*147,348	148,220
Previous Year Total	146,463	146,092	146,241	146,244	142,820	145,524
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	101	101	103	103	102

* Revised.