



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 186 million eggs during the week ending April 22, 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 22, 2000. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through April 22, 2000, were 2.33 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 18 2000	Mar 25 2000	Apr 1 2000	Apr 8 2000	Apr 15 2000	Apr 22 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	*28,526	*28,731	28,920	29,522	29,445	29,417
AR	30,563	30,408	29,139	31,071	30,893	30,357
DE	4,317	4,083	4,395	4,230	*4,247	4,422
FL	2,893	2,837	*2,942	2,695	2,908	2,909
GA	31,157	32,396	*32,300	32,380	32,509	32,295
MD	9,101	8,771	8,718	8,764	9,016	9,171
MS	18,269	18,508	18,496	18,434	18,484	17,950
NC	18,096	17,906	*18,151	18,153	*18,065	18,244
PA	3,672	3,687	3,734	3,692	*3,641	3,771
SC	4,837	4,909	4,930	4,859	4,842	4,849
TX	14,437	14,444	14,464	15,009	14,956	15,010
VA	6,546	6,763	6,604	6,580	6,637	6,597
CA, TN, & WV	12,038	11,465	11,770	11,957	*11,704	11,418
15 State Total	*184,452	*184,908	*184,563	187,346	*187,347	186,410
Previous Year Total	181,620	182,901	181,877	183,705	183,420	183,419
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	101	102	102	102

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 18 2000	Mar 25 2000	Apr 1 2000	Apr 8 2000	Apr 15 2000	Apr 22 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,285	*21,091	21,785	21,077	*21,295	21,748
AR	*25,285	24,188	*24,765	23,653	23,680	23,109
DE	4,886	4,444	5,099	5,047	*4,715	4,834
FL	2,540	2,560	2,486	2,363	2,438	2,310
GA	24,572	25,522	25,876	25,256	*25,518	25,493
MD	6,327	6,894	5,472	6,292	*5,979	6,582
MS	15,243	14,502	15,478	15,485	15,663	15,715
NC	13,906	13,883	14,007	13,978	13,895	14,144
PA	2,432	2,934	2,763	2,871	*2,803	2,833
SC	4,125	4,416	3,956	3,298	4,210	3,806
TX	11,422	11,593	11,430	11,394	11,277	11,445
VA	5,251	5,394	6,040	5,647	5,698	5,420
CA, TN, & WV	10,595	10,081	10,751	10,987	10,559	10,332
15 State Total	*147,869	*147,502	*149,908	147,348	*147,730	147,771
Previous Year Total	146,346	146,495	146,525	143,079	145,781	144,702
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	102	103	101	102

* Revised.