



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 April 29, 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 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 29, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through April 29, 2000, were 2.48 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 25 2000	Apr 1 2000	Apr 8 2000	Apr 15 2000	Apr 22 2000	Apr 29 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,731	28,920	29,522	29,445	29,417	28,023
AR	30,408	29,139	31,071	30,893	30,357	30,702
DE	4,083	4,395	4,230	4,247	*4,456	4,139
FL	2,837	2,942	*2,892	2,908	2,909	2,886
GA	32,396	32,300	32,380	32,509	32,295	32,281
MD	8,771	8,718	8,764	9,016	9,171	8,644
MS	18,508	18,496	18,434	18,484	17,950	18,299
NC	17,906	18,151	18,153	18,065	18,244	17,562
PA	3,687	3,734	3,692	3,641	*3,765	3,688
SC	4,909	4,930	4,859	4,842	4,849	4,596
TX	14,444	*14,463	15,009	14,956	15,010	15,050
VA	6,763	6,604	*6,573	*6,579	6,597	6,682
CA, TN, & WV	11,465	11,770	11,957	11,704	11,418	11,512
15 State Total	184,908	*184,562	*187,536	*187,289	*186,438	184,064
Previous Year Total	182,901	181,877	183,705	183,420	183,419	183,331
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	102	102	102	100

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 25 2000	Apr 1 2000	Apr 8 2000	Apr 15 2000	Apr 22 2000	Apr 29 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,091	21,785	21,077	21,295	21,748	21,898
AR	24,188	24,765	23,653	23,680	23,109	24,180
DE	4,444	5,099	5,047	4,715	*4,751	4,613
FL	2,560	2,486	2,363	2,438	2,310	2,519
GA	25,522	25,876	25,256	25,518	25,493	25,119
MD	6,894	5,472	6,292	5,979	*6,693	6,084
MS	14,502	15,478	15,485	15,663	15,715	15,615
NC	13,883	14,007	13,978	13,895	*14,141	14,196
PA	2,934	2,763	2,871	2,803	*2,831	2,798
SC	4,416	3,956	3,298	4,210	3,806	3,732
TX	11,593	11,430	11,394	11,277	11,445	11,833
VA	5,394	6,040	*5,630	*5,649	5,420	5,691
CA, TN, & WV	10,081	10,751	10,987	*10,564	*10,563	10,731
15 State Total	147,502	149,908	*147,331	*147,686	*148,025	149,009
Previous Year Total	146,495	146,525	143,079	145,781	144,702	147,173
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	103	101	102	101

* Revised.