



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 183 million eggs during the week ending May 6, 2000. This was down 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 6, 2000. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through May 6, 2000, were 2.63 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 1 2000	Apr 8 2000	Apr 15 2000	Apr 22 2000	Apr 29 2000	May 6 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,920	29,522	29,445	29,417	*29,023	28,188
AR	29,139	31,071	30,893	30,357	30,702	29,675
DE	4,395	4,230	4,247	4,456	*4,118	4,385
FL	2,942	2,892	2,908	2,909	2,886	2,812
GA	32,300	32,380	32,509	32,295	32,281	32,027
MD	8,718	*9,117	9,016	9,171	*8,646	8,268
MS	18,496	18,434	18,484	17,950	18,299	18,291
NC	18,151	18,153	18,065	18,244	17,562	17,332
PA	3,734	3,692	3,641	3,765	*3,660	3,615
SC	4,930	4,859	4,842	4,849	4,596	4,664
TX	*14,484	*15,032	*15,008	*15,008	*15,047	14,836
VA	6,604	6,573	6,579	6,597	6,682	6,619
CA, TN, & WV	11,770	11,957	11,704	11,418	11,512	11,851
15 State Total	*184,583	*187,912	*187,341	*186,436	*185,014	182,563
Previous Year Total	181,877	183,705	183,420	183,419	183,331	182,775
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	102	102	101	100

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 1 2000	Apr 8 2000	Apr 15 2000	Apr 22 2000	Apr 29 2000	May 6 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,785	21,077	21,295	21,748	21,898	21,744
AR	24,765	23,653	23,680	23,109	24,180	24,665
DE	5,099	5,047	4,715	4,751	*5,268	5,681
FL	2,486	2,363	2,438	2,310	2,519	2,415
GA	25,876	25,256	25,518	*25,551	*25,139	25,326
MD	5,472	6,292	5,979	6,693	*5,933	5,423
MS	15,478	15,485	15,663	15,715	15,615	15,518
NC	14,007	13,978	13,895	14,141	14,196	14,358
PA	2,763	2,871	2,803	2,831	*2,800	2,802
SC	3,956	3,298	4,210	3,806	3,732	4,309
TX	11,430	*11,413	*11,296	*11,464	*11,851	11,792
VA	6,040	5,630	5,649	5,420	*5,548	5,146
CA, TN, & WV	10,751	10,987	10,564	10,563	10,731	10,973
15 State Total	149,908	*147,350	*147,705	*148,102	*149,410	150,152
Previous Year Total	146,525	143,079	145,781	144,702	147,173	146,083
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	101	102	102	103

* Revised.