



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 184 million eggs during the week ending May 13, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 13, 2000. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through May 13, 2000, were 2.78 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 8 2000	Apr 15 2000	Apr 22 2000	Apr 29 2000	May 6 2000	May 13 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,522	29,445	29,417	29,023	28,188	28,188
AR	31,071	30,893	*30,577	30,702	29,675	31,064
DE	4,230	4,247	4,456	4,118	4,385	4,451
FL	2,892	2,908	2,909	2,886	2,812	2,827
GA	32,380	32,509	*31,767	32,281	32,027	31,737
MD	9,117	9,016	9,171	8,646	8,268	8,597
MS	18,434	18,484	17,950	18,299	18,291	18,335
NC	18,153	18,065	18,244	17,562	17,332	17,605
PA	3,692	3,641	3,765	3,660	*3,614	3,688
SC	4,859	4,842	4,849	4,596	4,664	4,687
TX	15,032	15,008	15,008	15,047	14,836	14,890
VA	6,573	6,579	6,597	6,682	6,619	6,613
CA, TN, & WV	11,957	11,704	11,418	11,512	11,851	11,281
15 State Total	187,912	187,341	*186,128	185,014	*182,562	183,963
Previous Year Total	183,705	183,420	183,419	183,331	182,775	184,285
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	101	101	100	100

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 8 2000	Apr 15 2000	Apr 22 2000	Apr 29 2000	May 6 2000	May 13 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,077	21,295	21,748	21,898	21,744	21,797
AR	23,653	23,680	23,109	24,180	*24,666	24,716
DE	5,047	4,715	4,751	5,268	5,681	6,058
FL	2,363	2,438	2,310	2,519	2,415	2,471
GA	25,256	25,518	25,551	25,139	*25,336	24,625
MD	6,292	5,979	*6,695	*5,934	*5,425	5,630
MS	15,485	15,663	15,715	15,615	15,518	14,990
NC	13,978	13,895	14,141	14,196	14,358	14,387
PA	2,871	2,803	2,831	2,800	*2,824	2,828
SC	3,298	4,210	3,806	3,732	4,309	4,319
TX	11,413	11,296	11,464	11,851	11,792	11,761
VA	5,630	5,649	5,420	5,548	5,146	5,446
CA, TN, & WV	10,987	10,564	10,563	10,731	*10,980	10,610
15 State Total	147,350	147,705	*148,104	*149,411	*150,194	149,638
Previous Year Total	143,079	145,781	144,702	147,173	146,083	147,285
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	101	102	102	103	102

* Revised.