



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 1 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 186 million eggs during the week ending May 20, 2000. This was up 1 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 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 20, 2000. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through May 20, 2000, were 2.93 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 15 2000	Apr 22 2000	Apr 29 2000	May 6 2000	May 13 2000	May 20 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	*29,552	*28,885	*29,088	*28,325	*28,655	28,980
AR	30,893	30,577	*31,026	29,675	31,064	31,033
DE	4,247	4,456	4,118	4,385	*4,400	4,495
FL	2,908	2,909	2,886	2,812	2,827	2,722
GA	32,509	31,767	*32,290	32,027	31,737	32,287
MD	9,016	9,171	8,646	8,268	*8,521	8,464
MS	18,484	17,950	18,299	18,291	18,335	18,802
NC	18,065	18,244	*17,762	17,332	17,605	18,379
PA	3,641	3,765	3,660	3,614	*3,714	3,669
SC	4,842	4,849	4,596	4,664	*4,731	4,736
TX	15,008	15,008	15,047	14,836	14,890	14,441
VA	6,579	6,597	6,682	6,619	6,613	6,578
CA, TN, & WV	11,704	11,418	11,512	11,851	11,281	11,427
15 State Total	*187,448	*185,596	*185,612	*182,699	*184,373	186,013
Previous Year Total	183,420	183,419	183,331	182,775	184,285	183,489
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	101	100	100	101

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 15 2000	Apr 22 2000	Apr 29 2000	May 6 2000	May 13 2000	May 20 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,295	21,748	21,898	*21,844	*21,630	21,702
AR	23,680	23,109	24,180	24,666	24,716	25,011
DE	4,715	4,751	5,268	5,681	*5,703	4,971
FL	2,438	2,310	2,519	*2,419	*2,489	2,370
GA	25,518	25,551	25,139	*25,322	24,625	25,599
MD	5,979	6,695	5,934	5,425	*5,686	5,995
MS	15,663	15,715	15,615	15,518	14,990	15,047
NC	13,895	14,141	14,196	14,358	*14,447	14,830
PA	2,803	2,831	2,800	2,824	*2,850	2,746
SC	4,210	3,806	3,732	4,309	*4,350	4,162
TX	11,296	11,464	11,851	11,792	11,761	11,843
VA	5,649	5,420	5,548	5,146	5,446	5,017
CA, TN, & WV	10,564	10,563	10,731	10,980	10,610	10,449
15 State Total	147,705	148,104	149,411	*150,284	*149,303	149,742
Previous Year Total	145,781	144,702	147,173	146,083	147,285	146,675
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	102	103	101	102

\* Revised.