



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 27, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 27, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through May 27, 2000, were 3.07 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 22 2000	Apr 29 2000	May 6 2000	May 13 2000	May 20 2000	May 27 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,885	29,088	*28,449	28,655	*29,085	28,896
AR	30,577	31,026	29,675	31,064	31,033	30,718
DE	4,456	4,118	4,385	4,400	4,495	4,421
FL	2,909	2,886	2,812	2,827	*2,771	2,877
GA	31,767	32,290	*31,685	31,737	32,287	32,077
MD	9,171	8,646	8,268	8,521	8,464	8,396
MS	17,950	18,299	*18,407	18,335	18,802	18,930
NC	18,244	18,602	*18,178	17,605	18,379	18,324
PA	3,765	3,660	3,614	3,714	*3,662	3,764
SC	4,849	4,596	*4,799	*4,656	*4,944	4,927
TX	15,008	15,047	*15,048	14,890	14,441	14,212
VA	6,597	6,682	6,619	6,613	6,578	6,585
CA, TN, & WV	11,418	11,512	11,851	11,281	11,427	11,431
15 State Total	185,596	186,452	*183,790	*184,298	*186,368	185,558
Previous Year Total	183,419	183,331	182,775	184,285	183,489	184,615
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	101	100	102	101

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 22 2000	Apr 29 2000	May 6 2000	May 13 2000	May 20 2000	May 27 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,748	21,898	21,844	21,630	*21,926	21,198
AR	23,109	24,180	24,666	24,716	25,011	23,399
DE	4,751	5,268	5,681	5,703	*4,893	4,644
FL	2,310	2,519	2,419	2,489	*2,349	2,263
GA	25,551	25,139	25,322	24,625	25,599	25,101
MD	6,695	5,934	5,425	5,686	*6,015	6,212
MS	15,715	15,615	*15,692	14,990	15,047	15,490
NC	14,141	14,196	14,358	14,447	14,830	14,523
PA	2,831	2,800	2,824	2,850	*2,707	2,719
SC	3,806	3,732	4,309	4,350	4,162	3,962
TX	11,464	11,851	*11,763	11,761	*11,913	11,924
VA	5,420	5,548	5,146	5,446	*5,292	5,537
CA, TN, & WV	10,563	10,731	10,980	10,610	10,449	11,176
15 State Total	148,104	149,411	*150,429	149,303	*150,193	148,148
Previous Year Total	144,702	147,173	146,083	147,285	146,675	146,474
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	103	101	102	101

* Revised.