



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 187 million eggs during the week ending June 3, 2000. This was up 2 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 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 3, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through June 3, 2000, were 3.23 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 29 2000	May 6 2000	May 13 2000	May 20 2000	May 27 2000	Jun 3 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,088	28,449	*28,950	29,085	28,896	29,161
AR	31,026	29,675	31,064	31,033	*30,559	30,846
DE	4,118	4,385	4,400	4,495	4,421	4,362
FL	2,886	2,812	*2,883	2,771	2,877	2,894
GA	32,290	31,685	*32,052	32,287	*31,994	32,115
MD	8,646	8,268	8,521	8,464	8,396	8,756
MS	18,299	18,407	*18,539	18,802	18,930	18,710
NC	*18,617	*18,188	*18,460	18,379	18,324	18,491
PA	3,660	3,614	3,714	3,662	*3,669	3,763
SC	4,596	4,799	4,656	4,944	4,927	4,899
TX	*15,060	*15,061	*14,891	*14,442	14,212	14,451
VA	6,682	6,619	6,613	6,578	6,585	6,756
CA, TN, & WV	11,512	11,851	*11,341	11,427	*11,664	11,332
15 State Total	*186,480	*183,813	*186,084	*186,369	*185,454	186,536
Previous Year Total	183,331	182,775	184,285	183,489	184,615	183,766
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	101	102	100	102

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 29 2000	May 6 2000	May 13 2000	May 20 2000	May 27 2000	Jun 3 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,898	21,844	21,630	21,926	21,198	21,808
AR	24,180	24,666	24,716	25,011	*23,389	24,562
DE	*5,723	5,681	5,703	4,893	*4,508	4,833
FL	2,519	2,419	2,489	2,349	2,263	2,673
GA	25,139	25,322	24,625	25,599	*24,817	26,178
MD	5,934	5,425	5,686	*5,967	*6,358	5,936
MS	15,615	15,692	14,990	15,047	15,490	15,681
NC	*14,950	*15,068	*14,958	14,830	14,523	14,628
PA	2,800	2,824	2,850	2,707	*2,722	2,792
SC	3,732	4,309	*4,537	4,162	3,962	3,742
TX	11,851	11,763	*11,772	*11,924	*11,935	11,587
VA	5,548	5,146	5,446	5,292	5,537	5,525
CA, TN, & WV	10,731	10,980	10,610	10,449	*11,306	10,042
15 State Total	*150,620	*151,139	*150,012	*150,156	*148,008	149,987
Previous Year Total	147,173	146,083	147,285	146,675	146,474	147,860
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	102	102	101	101

* Revised.