



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 178 million eggs during the week ending July 22, 2000. This was down 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 Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 22, 2000. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through July 22, 2000, were 4.26 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 17 2000	Jun 24 2000	Jul 1 2000	Jul 8 2000	Jul 15 2000	Jul 22 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,978	27,477	*27,958	*28,245	28,587	28,670
AR	30,644	30,043	29,917	28,537	30,353	29,752
DE	4,408	4,373	3,819	4,065	4,145	3,989
FL	2,814	2,854	*2,700	2,761	2,876	2,720
GA	31,082	31,203	*30,290	*29,905	29,669	30,458
MD	8,325	9,176	8,594	8,425	8,474	8,328
MS	18,217	17,323	17,367	17,579	18,013	18,168
NC	18,485	18,236	16,807	17,519	17,236	17,886
PA	*3,395	*3,810	*3,427	3,782	*3,673	3,061
SC	4,672	4,906	4,896	4,681	4,850	4,747
TX	14,391	14,423	12,601	13,774	13,320	13,162
VA	6,547	6,503	6,184	6,295	6,464	6,256
CA, TN, & WV	11,319	11,325	10,361	11,054	11,052	10,764
15 State Total	*183,277	*181,652	*174,921	*176,622	*178,712	177,961
Previous Year Total	183,331	180,367	179,742	179,244	182,678	181,666
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	97	99	98	98

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 17 2000	Jun 24 2000	Jul 1 2000	Jul 8 2000	Jul 15 2000	Jul 22 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,961	21,561	21,712	*21,545	20,645	20,859
AR	24,286	25,062	25,510	24,510	23,772	23,887
DE	4,914	5,062	5,593	5,488	5,752	5,075
FL	2,184	2,511	2,569	2,324	2,396	2,373
GA	25,845	25,329	25,426	25,438	*23,522	23,956
MD	5,909	5,874	5,937	5,480	5,617	5,375
MS	15,916	15,754	15,456	15,119	14,461	14,650
NC	14,662	14,743	14,447	14,509	14,305	13,325
PA	*2,720	*2,802	*2,622	2,622	*2,846	2,557
SC	3,818	3,828	4,579	4,105	4,138	4,222
TX	10,660	11,244	11,371	11,338	11,486	9,776
VA	5,350	5,792	5,038	5,234	5,460	5,185
CA, TN, & WV	10,647	10,207	9,888	9,572	10,059	9,435
15 State Total	*148,872	*149,769	*150,148	*147,284	*144,459	140,675
Previous Year Total	148,570	147,965	147,213	146,774	145,196	143,251
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	102	100	99	98

* Revised.