



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 179 million eggs during the week ending July 29, 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 140 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 29, 2000. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through July 29, 2000, were 4.40 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 24 2000	Jul 1 2000	Jul 8 2000	Jul 15 2000	Jul 22 2000	Jul 29 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,477	27,958	*27,235	28,587	28,670	28,687
AR	30,043	29,917	*28,673	30,353	29,752	29,692
DE	4,373	3,819	4,065	4,145	3,989	4,027
FL	2,854	2,700	2,761	2,876	2,720	2,649
GA	31,203	30,290	*29,667	29,669	30,458	30,488
MD	9,176	8,594	8,425	8,474	8,328	8,485
MS	17,323	17,367	*17,404	18,013	18,168	18,149
NC	18,236	16,807	17,519	17,236	17,886	17,854
PA	3,810	3,427	*3,677	*3,615	*3,679	3,817
SC	4,906	4,896	4,681	4,850	4,747	4,822
TX	14,423	12,601	13,774	13,320	13,162	13,332
VA	6,503	6,184	6,295	*6,472	*6,253	6,312
CA, TN, & WV	11,325	10,361	11,054	11,052	10,764	10,945
15 State Total	181,652	174,921	*175,230	*178,662	*178,576	179,259
Previous Year Total	180,367	179,742	179,244	182,678	181,666	179,814
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	97	98	98	98	100

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 24 2000	Jul 1 2000	Jul 8 2000	Jul 15 2000	Jul 22 2000	Jul 29 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,561	21,712	21,545	20,645	20,859	20,195
AR	25,062	25,510	24,510	23,772	23,887	22,315
DE	5,062	5,593	5,488	5,752	5,075	5,384
FL	2,511	2,569	2,324	2,396	2,373	2,354
GA	25,329	25,426	25,438	23,522	*23,947	23,890
MD	5,874	5,937	5,480	5,617	5,375	5,081
MS	15,754	15,456	*15,173	14,461	14,650	14,661
NC	14,743	14,447	14,509	14,305	13,325	13,817
PA	2,802	2,622	*2,514	*2,843	*2,560	2,756
SC	3,828	4,579	4,105	4,138	4,222	3,443
TX	11,244	11,371	11,338	11,486	9,776	10,714
VA	5,792	5,038	5,234	*5,473	*5,205	5,447
CA, TN, & WV	10,207	9,888	9,572	*10,066	*9,722	10,327
15 State Total	149,769	150,148	*147,230	*144,476	*140,976	140,384
Previous Year Total	147,965	147,213	146,774	145,196	143,251	142,036
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	100	100	98	99

* Revised.