



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 177 million eggs during the week ending August 5, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 5, 2000. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through August 5, 2000, were 4.54 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 1 2000	Jul 8 2000	Jul 15 2000	Jul 22 2000	Jul 29 2000	Aug 5 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,958	27,235	*28,535	28,670	28,687	28,937
AR	29,917	28,673	30,353	29,752	29,692	29,564
DE	3,819	4,065	4,145	3,989	4,027	3,969
FL	2,700	2,761	2,876	2,720	2,649	2,684
GA	30,290	29,667	*29,823	30,458	30,488	29,801
MD	8,594	8,425	8,474	8,328	8,485	8,432
MS	17,367	17,404	18,013	18,168	18,149	17,931
NC	16,807	17,519	*17,222	17,886	17,854	18,372
PA	3,427	3,677	3,615	*3,662	*3,844	3,676
SC	4,896	4,681	4,850	4,747	4,822	4,828
TX	*12,600	*13,773	*13,425	*13,167	*13,337	13,355
VA	6,184	6,295	6,472	6,253	*6,703	6,388
CA, TN, & WV	10,361	11,054	11,052	10,764	10,945	9,180
15 State Total	*174,920	*175,229	*178,855	*178,564	*179,682	177,117
Previous Year Total	179,742	179,244	182,678	181,666	179,814	179,885
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	98	98	98	100	98

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 1 2000	Jul 8 2000	Jul 15 2000	Jul 22 2000	Jul 29 2000	Aug 5 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,712	21,545	20,645	20,859	20,195	21,596
AR	25,510	24,510	23,772	23,887	22,315	22,852
DE	5,593	5,488	5,752	5,075	5,384	4,364
FL	*2,549	2,324	2,396	2,373	2,354	2,303
GA	25,426	25,438	23,522	23,947	*24,024	23,037
MD	5,937	5,480	5,617	5,375	5,081	6,154
MS	15,456	15,173	14,461	14,650	14,661	15,218
NC	14,447	14,509	14,305	13,325	13,817	14,013
PA	2,622	2,514	2,843	*2,540	*2,817	2,665
SC	4,579	4,105	4,138	4,222	3,443	3,659
TX	*11,370	*11,337	*11,485	*9,775	10,714	10,299
VA	5,038	5,234	5,473	5,205	*5,492	5,357
CA, TN, & WV	9,888	9,572	10,066	9,722	*10,267	9,813
15 State Total	*150,127	*147,229	*144,475	*140,955	*140,564	141,330
Previous Year Total	147,213	146,774	145,196	143,251	142,036	144,959
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	100	100	98	99	97

* Revised.