



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up Slightly**

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 180 million eggs during the week ending August 19, 2000. This was up 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 Slightly**

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 142 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 19, 2000. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through August 19, 2000, were 4.82 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 15<br>2000  | Jul 22<br>2000  | Jul 29<br>2000  | Aug 5<br>2000   | Aug 12<br>2000  | Aug 19<br>2000  |
|                     | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL                  | 28,535          | 28,670          | 28,687          | 28,905          | *28,816         | 28,924          |
| AR                  | 30,353          | 29,752          | *29,000         | *29,413         | *29,945         | 30,019          |
| DE                  | 4,145           | 3,989           | 3,969           | 3,969           | 3,886           | 3,827           |
| FL                  | *2,855          | 2,860           | 2,649           | 2,684           | *2,575          | 2,725           |
| GA                  | 29,823          | 30,257          | 30,488          | 29,801          | 30,470          | 30,746          |
| MD                  | 8,474           | 8,328           | 8,432           | 8,432           | 8,370           | 8,110           |
| MS                  | 18,013          | 18,168          | 18,149          | 17,931          | 18,314          | 17,998          |
| NC                  | 17,222          | 17,886          | *17,850         | 18,372          | *17,078         | 18,080          |
| PA                  | 3,615           | 3,662           | 3,844           | 3,642           | 3,539           | 3,307           |
| SC                  | 4,850           | 4,747           | 4,822           | 4,828           | 4,807           | 4,777           |
| TX                  | 13,425          | 13,167          | 13,337          | 13,355          | 14,216          | 14,413          |
| VA                  | *6,472          | *6,253          | *6,271          | 6,388           | 6,044           | 6,365           |
| CA, TN, & WV        | 11,052          | 10,764          | *10,449         | *9,426          | *10,246         | 11,182          |
| 15 State Total      | *178,834        | *178,503        | *177,947        | *177,146        | *178,306        | 180,473         |
| Previous Year Total | 182,678         | 181,666         | 179,814         | 179,885         | 178,476         | 180,405         |
| Pct. of Prev. Year  | 98              | 98              | 99              | 98              | 100             | 100             |

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

| State               | Week Ending     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                     | Jul 15<br>2000  | Jul 22<br>2000  | Jul 29<br>2000  | Aug 5<br>2000   | Aug 12<br>2000  | Aug 19<br>2000  |
|                     | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL                  | 20,645          | 20,859          | 20,195          | 21,608          | *21,145         | 21,243          |
| AR                  | 23,772          | 23,887          | 22,315          | *22,725         | *23,105         | 23,053          |
| DE                  | 5,515           | 4,725           | 4,364           | 4,311           | 5,169           | 5,038           |
| FL                  | 2,396           | 2,373           | 2,354           | 2,303           | 2,382           | 2,336           |
| GA                  | 23,522          | 23,947          | 24,024          | 24,014          | 24,551          | 24,111          |
| MD                  | 5,904           | 5,768           | 6,154           | 6,225           | 5,191           | 5,888           |
| MS                  | 14,461          | 14,650          | 14,661          | 15,218          | 14,914          | 14,883          |
| NC                  | 14,305          | 13,325          | 13,817          | 14,013          | 14,306          | 14,538          |
| PA                  | 2,843           | 2,540           | 2,817           | 2,722           | 2,714           | 2,732           |
| SC                  | 4,138           | 4,222           | 3,443           | 3,659           | 3,644           | 3,544           |
| TX                  | 11,485          | 9,775           | 10,714          | 10,299          | 10,319          | 10,297          |
| VA                  | 5,557           | *5,278          | *5,578          | 5,357           | 5,554           | 4,744           |
| CA, TN, & WV        | *10,066         | *9,746          | *9,967          | 9,820           | 9,070           | 9,688           |
| 15 State Total      | *144,609        | *141,095        | *140,403        | *142,274        | *142,064        | 142,095         |
| Previous Year Total | 145,196         | 143,251         | 142,036         | 144,959         | 144,750         | 142,535         |
| Pct. of Prev. Year  | 100             | 98              | 99              | 98              | 98              | 100             |

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