



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 178 million eggs during the week ending August 26, 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 Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 144 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 26, 2000. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through August 26, 2000, were 4.97 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 22 2000	Jul 29 2000	Aug 5 2000	Aug 12 2000	Aug 19 2000	Aug 26 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,670	28,687	*28,772	28,816	28,924	28,641
AR	29,752	*29,900	*29,565	29,945	*29,982	29,844
DE	3,989	3,969	3,969	3,886	3,827	3,765
FL	2,860	2,649	2,684	2,575	2,725	2,810
GA	30,257	30,488	29,801	30,470	30,746	30,370
MD	8,328	8,432	8,432	8,370	8,110	8,397
MS	18,168	18,149	*18,069	18,314	17,998	18,036
NC	17,886	17,850	18,372	17,078	18,080	17,347
PA	*3,794	3,844	3,642	*3,591	*3,190	3,277
SC	4,747	4,822	4,828	4,807	4,777	4,914
TX	13,167	13,337	13,355	14,216	14,413	14,363
VA	6,253	6,271	6,388	6,044	6,365	6,175
CA, TN, & WV	10,764	10,449	*11,226	10,246	*11,080	10,548
15 State Total	*178,635	*178,847	*179,103	*178,358	*180,217	178,487
Previous Year Total	181,666	179,814	179,885	178,476	180,405	179,329
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	100	100	100	100

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 22 2000	Jul 29 2000	Aug 5 2000	Aug 12 2000	Aug 19 2000	Aug 26 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,859	20,195	21,608	21,145	21,243	21,856
AR	23,887	22,315	22,725	23,105	*23,036	23,776
DE	4,725	*5,281	4,311	5,169	*5,050	4,632
FL	2,373	2,354	2,303	2,382	2,336	2,432
GA	23,947	24,024	24,014	24,551	*24,053	24,076
MD	*5,769	*5,113	6,225	5,191	5,888	6,010
MS	14,650	14,661	15,218	14,914	14,883	15,125
NC	13,325	13,817	14,013	14,306	14,538	14,491
PA	*2,555	2,817	2,722	*2,783	*2,779	2,720
SC	4,222	3,443	3,659	3,644	3,544	3,820
TX	9,775	10,714	10,299	10,319	10,297	10,406
VA	5,278	5,578	5,357	5,554	4,744	5,023
CA, TN, & WV	9,746	9,967	9,820	9,070	*9,594	9,507
15 State Total	*141,111	*140,279	142,274	*142,133	*141,985	143,874
Previous Year Total	143,251	142,036	144,959	144,750	142,535	140,641
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	98	98	100	102

* Revised.