



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 1 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 177 million eggs during the week ending September 2, 2000. This was up 1 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 Up 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 2, 2000. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through September 2, 2000, were 5.11 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 29 2000	Aug 5 2000	Aug 12 2000	Aug 19 2000	Aug 26 2000	Sep 2 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,687	28,772	*28,716	28,924	*28,644	28,564
AR	29,900	29,565	29,945	29,982	29,844	30,063
DE	3,969	3,969	3,886	3,827	3,765	3,884
FL	2,649	2,684	2,575	2,725	2,810	2,676
GA	30,488	29,801	*30,070	30,746	30,370	30,394
MD	8,432	8,432	8,370	8,110	8,397	7,792
MS	18,149	18,069	*18,072	17,998	18,036	17,874
NC	17,850	18,372	*17,123	18,080	17,347	16,564
PA	3,844	3,642	3,591	3,190	*3,239	3,470
SC	4,822	4,828	4,807	4,777	4,914	4,818
TX	*13,340	*13,356	*14,218	*14,414	*14,365	14,221
VA	6,271	6,388	6,044	6,365	6,175	6,045
CA, TN, & WV	10,449	11,226	10,246	11,080	10,548	10,264
15 State Total	*178,850	*179,104	*177,663	*180,218	*178,454	176,629
Previous Year Total	179,814	179,885	178,476	180,405	179,329	175,472
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	100	100	100	101

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 29 2000	Aug 5 2000	Aug 12 2000	Aug 19 2000	Aug 26 2000	Sep 2 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,195	21,608	21,145	21,243	*21,365	21,311
AR	22,315	22,725	23,105	23,036	23,776	24,394
DE	5,281	4,311	5,169	5,050	4,632	4,904
FL	2,354	2,303	2,382	2,336	*2,440	2,026
GA	24,024	24,014	24,551	24,053	24,076	23,899
MD	5,113	6,225	5,191	*5,823	*5,967	5,445
MS	14,661	15,218	14,914	14,883	15,125	15,068
NC	13,817	14,013	14,306	14,538	14,491	13,573
PA	2,817	2,722	2,783	2,779	*2,693	2,629
SC	3,443	3,659	3,644	3,544	3,820	4,003
TX	10,714	*10,301	*10,322	*10,299	*10,408	11,113
VA	5,578	5,357	5,554	4,744	*5,019	4,880
CA, TN, & WV	9,967	9,820	9,070	9,594	9,507	9,477
15 State Total	140,279	*142,276	*142,136	*141,922	*143,319	142,722
Previous Year Total	142,036	144,959	144,750	142,535	140,641	140,234
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	98	100	102	102

\* Revised.