



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 172 million eggs during the week ending September 9, 2000. This was up 4 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 9, 2000. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through September 9, 2000, were 5.25 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 5 2000	Aug 12 2000	Aug 19 2000	Aug 26 2000	Sep 2 2000	Sep 9 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,772	28,716	28,924	28,644	*28,588	27,567
AR	29,565	29,945	29,982	29,844	30,063	28,958
DE	3,969	3,886	3,827	3,765	*3,935	3,445
FL	2,684	2,575	2,725	2,810	2,676	2,527
GA	29,801	30,070	30,746	30,370	30,394	29,223
MD	8,432	8,370	8,110	8,397	*7,448	7,773
MS	18,069	18,072	*18,098	18,036	17,874	17,170
NC	18,372	17,123	18,080	17,347	16,564	16,885
PA	3,642	3,591	3,190	3,239	*3,461	3,640
SC	4,828	4,807	4,777	4,914	4,818	4,543
TX	13,356	14,218	14,414	14,365	14,221	14,035
VA	6,388	6,044	6,365	6,175	*6,040	5,873
CA, TN, & WV	11,226	10,246	11,080	10,548	*10,240	10,400
15 State Total	179,104	177,663	*180,318	178,454	*176,322	172,039
Previous Year Total	179,885	178,476	180,405	179,329	175,472	165,874
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	100	100	100	104

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 5 2000	Aug 12 2000	Aug 19 2000	Aug 26 2000	Sep 2 2000	Sep 9 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,608	21,145	21,243	21,365	*21,289	21,688
AR	22,725	23,105	23,036	23,776	24,394	24,832
DE	4,311	5,169	5,050	4,632	*4,748	4,110
FL	2,303	2,382	2,336	2,440	2,026	2,294
GA	24,014	24,551	24,053	24,076	*23,916	24,494
MD	6,225	5,191	5,823	5,967	*5,572	6,183
MS	15,218	14,914	14,883	15,125	15,068	14,789
NC	14,013	14,306	14,538	14,491	13,573	14,650
PA	2,722	2,783	2,779	2,693	*2,624	2,386
SC	3,659	3,644	3,544	3,820	4,003	3,527
TX	10,301	10,322	10,299	10,408	11,113	11,196
VA	5,357	5,554	4,744	5,019	*4,947	4,857
CA, TN, & WV	9,820	9,070	9,594	9,507	*9,422	9,543
15 State Total	142,276	142,136	141,922	143,319	*142,695	144,549
Previous Year Total	144,959	144,750	142,535	140,641	140,234	140,439
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	100	102	102	103

* Revised.