



# 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 171 million eggs during the week ending September 16, 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 16, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through September 16, 2000, were 5.40 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 12 2000	Aug 19 2000	Aug 26 2000	Sep 2 2000	Sep 9 2000	Sep 16 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,716	28,924	28,644	28,588	27,567	27,529
AR	29,945	29,982	29,844	30,063	*28,807	29,472
DE	3,886	3,827	3,765	3,935	3,445	3,748
FL	2,575	2,725	2,810	2,676	2,527	2,649
GA	30,070	30,746	*30,580	30,394	*29,174	30,952
MD	8,370	8,110	*8,232	*7,232	*7,554	7,213
MS	18,072	18,098	18,036	17,874	17,170	16,340
NC	17,123	18,080	*17,314	16,564	16,885	16,530
PA	3,591	3,190	3,239	3,461	*3,639	3,581
SC	4,807	4,777	4,914	4,818	4,543	4,842
TX	14,218	14,414	14,365	14,221	14,035	13,287
VA	6,044	6,365	6,175	6,040	5,873	5,410
CA, TN, & WV	10,246	11,080	*10,639	10,240	*10,183	9,731
15 State Total	177,663	180,318	*178,557	*176,106	*171,402	171,284
Previous Year Total	178,476	180,405	179,329	175,472	165,874	168,805
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	100	100	103	101

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 12 2000	Aug 19 2000	Aug 26 2000	Sep 2 2000	Sep 9 2000	Sep 16 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,145	21,243	21,365	21,289	21,688	21,224
AR	23,105	23,036	*23,774	*24,350	*24,751	23,246
DE	5,169	5,050	4,632	4,748	*4,011	3,791
FL	2,382	2,336	2,440	2,026	2,294	2,347
GA	24,551	24,053	24,076	23,916	*24,491	24,299
MD	5,191	5,823	5,967	5,572	*6,311	6,440
MS	14,914	14,883	15,125	15,068	14,789	15,149
NC	14,306	14,538	14,491	13,573	14,650	14,036
PA	2,783	2,779	2,693	2,624	*2,388	2,447
SC	3,644	3,544	3,820	4,003	3,527	4,128
TX	10,322	10,299	10,408	11,113	11,196	11,304
VA	5,554	4,744	5,019	4,947	4,857	4,969
CA, TN, & WV	9,070	9,594	9,507	9,422	9,543	9,342
15 State Total	142,136	141,922	*143,317	*142,651	*144,496	142,722
Previous Year Total	144,750	142,535	140,641	140,234	140,439	140,982
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	100	102	102	103	101

\* Revised.