



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 170 million eggs during the week ending September 23, 2000. This was up 2 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 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 23, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through September 23, 2000, were 5.54 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 19 2000	Aug 26 2000	Sep 2 2000	Sep 9 2000	Sep 16 2000	Sep 23 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,924	28,644	*28,386	27,567	*27,358	27,274
AR	29,982	29,844	30,063	28,807	29,472	27,969
DE	3,827	3,765	3,935	3,445	3,748	3,865
FL	2,725	2,810	*2,581	2,527	*2,570	2,524
GA	30,746	30,580	*30,575	*29,114	*31,280	28,444
MD	8,110	8,232	7,232	7,554	7,213	7,973
MS	18,098	18,036	*17,904	17,170	16,340	17,334
NC	18,080	17,314	*16,606	16,885	16,530	17,388
PA	3,190	*3,242	*3,447	*3,624	*3,570	3,332
SC	4,777	4,914	4,818	4,543	4,842	4,758
TX	14,414	14,365	14,221	14,035	13,287	13,277
VA	6,365	6,175	6,040	5,873	5,410	5,944
CA, TN, & WV	11,080	10,639	*10,244	*10,223	*9,570	9,974
15 State Total	180,318	*178,560	*176,052	*171,367	*171,190	170,056
Previous Year Total	180,405	179,329	175,472	165,874	168,805	166,904
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	100	103	101	102

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 19 2000	Aug 26 2000	Sep 2 2000	Sep 9 2000	Sep 16 2000	Sep 23 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,243	*21,308	*21,219	*21,816	*21,322	21,605
AR	23,036	23,774	*23,583	24,751	23,246	22,947
DE	5,050	4,632	4,748	4,011	*4,467	4,859
FL	2,336	2,440	2,026	2,294	*2,361	2,065
GA	*24,159	*24,137	*23,738	*24,485	*24,304	24,296
MD	5,823	5,967	5,572	6,311	*5,706	4,615
MS	14,883	15,125	15,068	14,789	15,149	15,065
NC	14,538	14,491	13,573	14,650	14,036	13,380
PA	2,779	*2,743	*2,644	*2,452	*2,443	2,619
SC	3,544	3,820	4,003	3,527	4,128	3,987
TX	10,299	10,408	11,113	11,196	11,304	11,251
VA	4,744	5,019	4,947	4,857	*5,035	5,239
CA, TN, & WV	*9,743	*9,503	*9,764	*9,410	*9,256	9,060
15 State Total	*142,177	*143,367	*141,998	*144,549	*142,757	140,988
Previous Year Total	142,535	140,641	140,234	140,439	140,982	140,037
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	102	101	103	101	101

* Revised.