



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 175 million eggs during the week ending September 30, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 137 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 30, 2000. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through September 30, 2000, were 5.68 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 26 2000	Sep 2 2000	Sep 9 2000	Sep 16 2000	Sep 23 2000	Sep 30 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,644	28,386	*26,756	27,358	27,274	27,520
AR	29,844	30,063	28,807	29,472	*27,817	28,185
DE	3,765	3,935	3,445	3,748	3,865	3,629
FL	2,810	2,581	2,527	2,570	2,524	2,622
GA	30,580	30,575	*28,753	31,280	28,444	30,668
MD	8,232	7,232	7,554	7,213	7,973	8,109
MS	18,036	17,904	*16,868	16,340	17,334	17,447
NC	17,314	16,606	*16,595	16,530	*17,213	17,559
PA	3,242	3,447	3,624	3,570	3,332	3,769
SC	4,914	4,818	4,543	4,842	*4,656	4,911
TX	14,365	14,221	14,035	13,287	13,277	14,138
VA	6,175	6,040	5,873	5,410	5,944	5,810
CA, TN, & WV	10,639	10,244	10,223	9,570	9,974	10,144
15 State Total	178,560	176,052	*169,603	171,190	*169,627	174,511
Previous Year Total	179,329	175,472	165,874	168,805	166,904	175,385
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	102	101	102	100

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 26 2000	Sep 2 2000	Sep 9 2000	Sep 16 2000	Sep 23 2000	Sep 30 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,308	21,219	21,816	21,322	21,605	19,870
AR	23,774	23,583	24,751	23,246	*22,955	22,608
DE	4,632	4,748	4,011	4,467	4,859	4,419
FL	2,440	2,026	2,294	2,361	2,065	2,063
GA	24,137	23,738	24,485	24,304	*24,925	22,492
MD	*5,969	*5,573	*6,314	5,706	4,615	4,640
MS	15,125	15,068	14,789	15,149	15,065	14,040
NC	14,491	13,573	14,650	14,036	13,380	13,167
PA	2,743	2,644	2,452	2,443	2,619	2,701
SC	3,820	4,003	3,527	4,128	3,987	4,872
TX	10,408	11,113	11,196	11,304	11,251	10,947
VA	5,019	4,947	4,857	5,035	5,239	5,167
CA, TN, & WV	9,503	9,764	9,410	9,256	9,060	9,678
15 State Total	*143,369	*141,999	*144,552	142,757	*141,625	136,664
Previous Year Total	140,641	140,234	140,439	140,982	140,037	132,436
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	103	101	101	103

* Revised.