



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 175 million eggs during the week ending October 7, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 136 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 7, 2000. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through October 7, 2000, were 5.81 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 2 2000	Sep 9 2000	Sep 16 2000	Sep 23 2000	Sep 30 2000	Oct 7 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,386	26,756	*26,930	27,274	27,520	28,256
AR	30,063	28,807	29,472	27,817	28,185	28,473
DE	3,935	3,445	3,748	3,865	3,629	3,975
FL	2,581	2,527	*2,590	2,524	2,622	2,649
GA	30,575	28,753	*30,470	28,444	*30,592	30,328
MD	7,232	7,554	*7,363	7,973	8,109	7,663
MS	17,904	16,868	*16,276	17,334	17,447	17,825
NC	16,606	16,595	*16,258	17,213	17,559	16,908
PA	3,447	3,624	*3,547	*3,323	*3,655	3,770
SC	4,818	4,543	4,842	4,656	4,911	4,953
TX	*14,217	*14,032	*13,285	*13,275	*14,135	14,443
VA	6,040	*6,096	5,410	5,944	5,810	6,087
CA, TN, & WV	10,244	10,223	9,570	9,974	*9,814	9,663
15 State Total	*176,048	*169,823	*169,761	*169,616	*173,988	174,993
Previous Year Total	175,472	165,874	168,805	166,904	175,385	168,688
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	102	101	102	99	104

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 2 2000	Sep 9 2000	Sep 16 2000	Sep 23 2000	Sep 30 2000	Oct 7 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,219	21,816	21,322	21,605	19,870	19,987
AR	23,583	24,751	23,246	*23,080	*22,766	23,560
DE	4,748	4,011	4,467	4,859	4,419	4,664
FL	2,026	2,294	2,361	2,065	2,063	2,237
GA	23,738	24,485	24,304	*24,351	*22,560	24,266
MD	5,573	6,314	5,706	4,615	4,640	4,496
MS	15,068	14,789	15,149	15,065	14,040	13,424
NC	13,573	14,650	14,036	13,380	*13,160	13,317
PA	2,644	2,452	*2,493	*2,626	*2,755	2,647
SC	4,003	3,527	4,128	3,987	4,872	3,642
TX	*11,110	*11,193	*11,301	*11,248	*10,944	10,349
VA	4,947	4,857	5,035	5,239	*5,374	4,445
CA, TN, & WV	9,764	9,410	9,256	9,060	*9,448	9,106
15 State Total	*141,996	*144,549	*142,804	*141,180	*136,911	136,140
Previous Year Total	140,234	140,439	140,982	140,037	132,436	133,105
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	103	101	101	103	102

* Revised.