



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 170 million eggs during the week ending October 14, 2000. This was up 3 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 135 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 14, 2000. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through October 14, 2000, were 5.95 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 9 2000 | Sep 16 2000 | Sep 23 2000 | Sep 30 2000 | Oct 7 2000 | Oct 14 2000 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 26,756 | 26,930 | *26,613 | 27,520 | 28,256 | 26,956 |
| AR | 28,807 | 29,472 | 27,817 | 28,185 | 28,473 | 28,713 |
| DE | 3,445 | 3,748 | 3,865 | 3,629 | 3,975 | 3,821 |
| FL | 2,527 | 2,590 | *2,694 | 2,622 | 2,649 | 2,337 |
| GA | 28,753 | 30,470 | *28,080 | 30,592 | 30,328 | 29,213 |
| MD | 7,554 | 7,363 | 7,973 | 8,109 | 7,663 | 7,985 |
| MS | 16,868 | 16,276 | 17,334 | 17,447 | 17,825 | 17,085 |
| NC | 16,595 | 16,258 | *16,955 | 17,559 | 16,908 | 15,738 |
| PA | 3,624 | 3,547 | 3,323 | 3,655 | *3,815 | 3,146 |
| SC | 4,543 | 4,842 | 4,656 | 4,911 | 4,953 | 4,462 |
| TX | 14,032 | 13,285 | 13,275 | 14,135 | 14,443 | 14,139 |
| VA | 6,096 | 5,410 | 5,944 | 5,810 | *5,997 | 6,070 |
| CA, TN, & WV | 10,223 | 9,570 | 9,974 | 9,814 | *9,664 | 10,062 |
| 15 State Total | 169,823 | 169,761 | *168,503 | 173,988 | *174,949 | 169,727 |
| Previous Year Total | 165,874 | 168,805 | 166,904 | 175,385 | 168,688 | 164,192 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 102 | 101 | 101 | 99 | 104 | 103 |

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Sep 9 2000 | Sep 16 2000 | Sep 23 2000 | Sep 30 2000 | Oct 7 2000 | Oct 14 2000 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 21,816 | 21,322 | 21,605 | *19,985 | *20,370 | 19,938 |
| AR | 24,751 | 23,246 | 23,080 | 22,766 | 23,560 | 22,134 |
| DE | 4,011 | 4,467 | 4,859 | 4,419 | 4,664 | 5,122 |
| FL | 2,294 | 2,361 | 2,065 | 2,063 | 2,237 | 2,320 |
| GA | 24,485 | 24,304 | 24,351 | 22,560 | 24,266 | 22,407 |
| MD | 6,314 | 5,706 | *4,618 | 4,640 | 4,496 | 4,773 |
| MS | 14,789 | 15,149 | 15,065 | 14,040 | 13,424 | 14,632 |
| NC | 14,650 | 14,036 | 13,380 | 13,160 | 13,317 | 13,410 |
| PA | 2,452 | 2,493 | 2,626 | 2,755 | *2,655 | 2,489 |
| SC | 3,527 | 4,128 | 3,987 | 4,872 | 3,642 | 3,506 |
| TX | 11,193 | 11,301 | 11,248 | 10,944 | 10,349 | 10,460 |
| VA | 4,857 | 5,035 | 5,239 | 5,374 | *4,474 | 5,054 |
| CA, TN, & WV | 9,410 | 9,256 | 9,060 | 9,448 | *9,101 | 8,907 |
| 15 State Total | 144,549 | 142,804 | *141,183 | *137,026 | *136,555 | 135,152 |
| Previous Year Total | 140,439 | 140,982 | 140,037 | 132,436 | 133,105 | 132,538 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 103 | 101 | 101 | 103 | 103 | 102 |

* Revised.