



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 167 million eggs during the week ending October 21, 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 140 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 21, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through October 21, 2000, were 6.09 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 16 2000	Sep 23 2000	Sep 30 2000	Oct 7 2000	Oct 14 2000	Oct 21 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,930	26,613	*27,950	28,256	26,956	26,710
AR	29,472	27,817	*27,626	28,473	28,713	27,869
DE	3,748	3,865	3,629	3,975	3,821	3,617
FL	2,590	2,694	*2,742	2,649	2,337	2,500
GA	30,470	28,080	30,592	30,328	*29,032	29,351
MD	7,363	7,973	8,109	7,663	7,985	7,968
MS	16,276	17,334	17,447	17,825	17,085	15,424
NC	16,258	16,955	*17,834	16,908	15,738	15,657
PA	3,547	3,323	3,655	3,815	*3,138	3,197
SC	4,842	4,656	4,911	4,953	4,462	4,916
TX	13,285	13,275	14,135	14,443	14,139	13,043
VA	5,410	5,944	5,810	5,997	6,070	6,903
CA, TN, & WV	9,570	9,974	9,814	9,664	*10,017	9,629
15 State Total	169,761	168,503	*174,254	174,949	*169,493	166,784
Previous Year Total	168,805	166,904	175,385	168,688	164,192	164,659
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	99	104	103	101

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 16 2000	Sep 23 2000	Sep 30 2000	Oct 7 2000	Oct 14 2000	Oct 21 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,322	21,605	19,985	20,370	*19,736	20,911
AR	23,246	23,080	22,766	23,560	22,134	21,373
DE	4,467	4,859	4,419	4,664	5,122	4,733
FL	2,361	2,065	2,063	2,237	2,320	2,470
GA	24,304	24,351	22,560	24,266	*22,468	24,234
MD	5,706	4,618	4,640	4,496	4,773	5,057
MS	15,149	15,065	*14,035	13,424	14,632	14,761
NC	14,036	13,380	13,160	13,317	13,410	14,277
PA	2,493	2,626	2,755	2,655	*2,474	2,663
SC	4,128	3,987	4,872	3,642	3,506	4,229
TX	11,301	11,248	10,944	10,349	10,460	11,197
VA	5,035	5,239	5,374	4,474	5,054	5,300
CA, TN, & WV	9,256	9,060	9,448	9,101	*9,087	9,050
15 State Total	142,804	141,183	*137,021	136,555	*135,176	140,255
Previous Year Total	140,982	140,037	132,436	133,105	132,538	138,831
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	103	103	102	101

* Revised.