



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 160 million eggs during the week ending October 28, 2000. This was down 5 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 138 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 28, 2000. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through October 28, 2000, were 6.23 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 23 2000	Sep 30 2000	Oct 7 2000	Oct 14 2000	Oct 21 2000	Oct 28 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,613	27,950	*27,928	26,956	26,710	25,680
AR	*27,272	27,626	*28,699	*29,019	27,869	25,438
DE	3,865	*3,748	3,975	3,821	3,617	3,574
FL	2,694	2,742	*2,689	2,337	2,500	2,368
GA	28,080	30,592	30,328	29,032	29,351	27,577
MD	7,973	8,109	7,663	7,985	7,968	8,264
MS	17,334	17,447	*17,729	17,085	15,424	14,991
NC	16,955	17,834	*17,181	15,738	15,657	16,293
PA	3,323	3,655	*3,811	*3,137	*3,135	3,164
SC	4,656	4,911	4,953	4,462	*4,668	4,702
TX	13,275	14,135	14,443	14,139	13,043	11,826
VA	5,944	*6,222	5,997	6,070	*7,194	5,679
CA, TN, & WV	*9,944	*10,065	*9,921	*9,654	9,629	10,525
15 State Total	*167,928	*175,036	*175,317	*169,435	*166,765	160,081
Previous Year Total	166,904	175,385	168,688	164,192	164,659	169,328
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	104	103	101	95

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 23 2000	Sep 30 2000	Oct 7 2000	Oct 14 2000	Oct 21 2000	Oct 28 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,605	19,985	20,370	19,736	20,911	19,822
AR	23,080	22,766	*23,143	*21,677	21,373	21,456
DE	4,859	4,419	4,664	5,122	4,733	4,565
FL	2,065	2,063	2,237	2,320	2,470	2,384
GA	24,351	22,560	24,266	22,468	24,234	24,590
MD	4,618	4,640	4,496	4,773	5,057	5,229
MS	15,065	14,035	13,424	14,632	14,761	14,982
NC	13,380	13,160	13,317	13,410	14,277	13,294
PA	2,626	2,755	*2,646	*2,535	*2,668	2,720
SC	3,987	4,872	3,642	3,506	4,229	4,431
TX	11,248	10,944	10,349	10,460	11,197	11,532
VA	5,239	5,374	4,474	5,054	*5,704	4,676
CA, TN, & WV	9,060	9,448	*9,103	9,087	9,050	8,768
15 State Total	141,183	137,021	*136,131	*134,780	*140,664	138,449
Previous Year Total	140,037	132,436	133,105	132,538	138,831	133,415
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	103	102	102	101	104

* Revised.