



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 176 million eggs during the week ending November 11, 2000. This was down 2 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 131 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 11, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through November 11, 2000, were 6.49 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 7 2000	Oct 14 2000	Oct 21 2000	Oct 28 2000	Nov 4 2000	Nov 11 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,928	27,239	*25,706	25,939	*26,265	27,736
AR	28,699	29,019	*28,080	25,276	27,311	29,212
DE	3,975	3,821	3,617	3,574	3,931	4,041
FL	2,689	2,337	2,500	2,237	2,155	2,050
GA	30,328	29,177	29,364	27,608	*27,917	30,616
MD	7,663	*8,171	*7,967	*8,082	*8,569	7,255
MS	17,729	16,662	*15,091	14,991	16,332	16,935
NC	17,181	16,407	15,657	16,293	17,510	17,843
PA	3,811	3,137	3,135	*3,092	*3,115	3,434
SC	4,953	4,462	4,668	4,702	4,493	4,862
TX	14,441	14,130	13,034	11,817	*13,995	14,160
VA	5,997	6,070	*6,155	5,679	5,422	6,335
CA, TN, & WV	9,921	9,654	9,629	10,525	*10,678	11,197
15 State Total	175,315	*170,286	*164,603	*159,815	*167,693	175,676
Previous Year Total	168,688	164,192	164,659	169,328	172,779	179,159
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	100	94	97	98

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 7 2000	Oct 14 2000	Oct 21 2000	Oct 28 2000	Nov 4 2000	Nov 11 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,370	19,736	20,899	20,909	*20,566	19,007
AR	23,143	21,677	21,373	21,453	23,342	22,171
DE	4,664	5,122	4,733	4,565	4,390	4,231
FL	2,237	2,320	2,470	2,384	1,952	2,100
GA	24,266	22,468	24,272	24,644	*23,104	23,706
MD	4,499	*4,912	5,060	5,229	5,709	5,330
MS	13,424	14,632	14,761	14,982	13,944	12,437
NC	13,317	13,410	14,277	13,294	13,299	12,804
PA	2,646	2,535	2,668	*2,790	*2,443	2,355
SC	3,642	3,506	4,229	4,431	3,626	3,500
TX	10,348	10,458	11,195	11,530	*10,979	10,448
VA	4,474	5,054	5,704	4,676	4,824	5,164
CA, TN, & WV	9,103	9,087	9,050	8,768	*8,525	8,105
15 State Total	136,133	*134,917	140,691	*139,655	*136,703	131,358
Previous Year Total	133,105	132,538	138,831	133,415	130,495	130,414
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	101	105	105	101

* Revised.