



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 18, 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 Down 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 129 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 18, 2000. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through November 18, 2000, were 6.62 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 14 2000	Oct 21 2000	Oct 28 2000	Nov 4 2000	Nov 11 2000	Nov 18 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,239	25,706	*25,497	26,265	*28,025	26,533
AR	29,019	28,080	25,276	27,311	*29,197	29,150
DE	3,821	3,617	3,574	3,931	4,041	4,063
FL	2,337	2,500	2,237	2,155	2,050	2,381
GA	29,177	*29,152	27,608	27,917	*30,558	29,892
MD	8,171	7,967	8,082	8,569	7,255	8,137
MS	16,662	15,091	*15,202	16,332	16,935	17,249
NC	16,407	15,657	*16,542	17,510	17,843	18,368
PA	3,137	3,135	3,092	3,115	*3,539	3,518
SC	4,462	4,668	4,702	4,493	4,862	4,749
TX	14,130	13,034	11,817	13,995	14,160	14,455
VA	6,070	6,155	5,679	5,422	6,335	6,244
CA, TN, & WV	9,654	9,629	10,525	10,678	11,197	10,951
15 State Total	170,286	*164,391	*159,833	167,693	*175,997	175,690
Previous Year Total	164,192	164,659	169,328	172,779	179,159	178,740
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	100	94	97	98	98

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 14 2000	Oct 21 2000	Oct 28 2000	Nov 4 2000	Nov 11 2000	Nov 18 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,736	20,899	20,909	20,566	*18,455	18,368
AR	21,677	21,373	21,453	23,342	*22,178	20,280
DE	5,122	4,733	4,565	4,390	4,231	5,003
FL	2,320	2,470	2,384	1,952	2,100	2,098
GA	22,468	24,272	24,644	23,104	*23,642	22,346
MD	4,912	5,060	5,229	5,709	5,330	4,840
MS	14,632	14,761	14,982	13,944	12,437	13,121
NC	13,410	14,277	13,294	13,299	12,804	13,256
PA	2,535	2,668	2,790	2,443	*2,298	2,478
SC	3,506	4,229	4,431	3,626	3,500	3,644
TX	10,458	11,195	11,530	10,979	10,448	9,423
VA	5,054	5,704	4,676	4,824	5,164	4,704
CA, TN, & WV	9,087	9,050	8,768	8,525	8,105	9,150
15 State Total	134,917	140,691	139,655	136,703	*130,692	128,711
Previous Year Total	132,538	138,831	133,415	130,495	130,414	135,022
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	105	105	100	95

* Revised.