



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 180 million eggs during the week ending November 25, 2000. This was down slightly 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 25, 2000. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through November 25, 2000, were 6.76 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 21 2000	Oct 28 2000	Nov 4 2000	Nov 11 2000	Nov 18 2000	Nov 25 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	*24,995	25,497	*25,859	28,025	*26,734	27,960
AR	28,080	25,276	*27,417	29,197	29,150	30,047
DE	3,617	3,574	3,931	4,041	*4,066	4,007
FL	2,500	2,237	*2,310	2,050	2,381	2,509
GA	29,152	27,608	*28,027	30,558	*29,937	30,652
MD	7,967	8,082	8,569	7,255	8,137	8,263
MS	15,091	15,202	*16,403	16,935	17,249	17,759
NC	15,657	16,542	17,510	17,843	18,368	18,377
PA	3,135	3,092	3,115	3,539	3,518	3,350
SC	4,668	4,702	4,493	4,862	4,749	4,980
TX	13,034	11,817	13,995	14,160	14,455	14,519
VA	6,155	5,679	5,422	6,335	6,244	6,205
CA, TN, & WV	9,629	10,525	10,678	11,197	10,951	11,206
15 State Total	*163,680	159,833	*167,729	175,997	*175,939	179,834
Previous Year Total	164,659	169,328	172,779	179,159	178,740	180,524
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	94	97	98	98	100

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 21 2000	Oct 28 2000	Nov 4 2000	Nov 11 2000	Nov 18 2000	Nov 25 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,899	20,909	20,566	18,455	*18,524	19,191
AR	21,373	21,453	*23,339	22,178	20,280	21,133
DE	4,733	4,565	4,390	4,231	*4,867	4,767
FL	2,470	2,384	1,952	2,100	2,098	1,795
GA	24,272	24,644	23,104	23,642	*22,153	22,439
MD	5,060	5,229	5,709	5,330	*4,975	5,899
MS	14,761	14,982	13,944	12,437	13,121	14,004
NC	14,277	13,294	13,299	12,804	13,256	13,987
PA	2,668	2,790	2,443	2,298	2,478	2,343
SC	4,229	4,431	3,626	3,500	*3,614	4,129
TX	11,195	11,530	10,979	10,448	9,423	11,015
VA	5,704	4,676	4,824	5,164	4,704	4,466
CA, TN, & WV	9,050	8,768	8,525	8,105	9,150	9,157
15 State Total	140,691	139,655	*136,700	130,692	*128,643	134,325
Previous Year Total	138,831	133,415	130,495	130,414	135,022	137,966
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	105	105	100	95	97

* Revised.