



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 181 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 2, 2000. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 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 144 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 2, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through December 2, 2000, were 6.90 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 28 2000 | Nov 4 2000 | Nov 11 2000 | Nov 18 2000 | Nov 25 2000 | Dec 2 2000 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 25,497 | 25,859 | *28,512 | 26,734 | 27,960 | 29,214 |
| AR | *25,299 | 27,417 | *29,319 | 29,150 | *29,980 | 29,753 |
| DE | 3,574 | 3,931 | 4,041 | 4,066 | 4,007 | 4,214 |
| FL | 2,237 | 2,310 | *2,340 | 2,381 | 2,509 | 2,516 |
| GA | 27,608 | 28,027 | *31,128 | 29,937 | *30,644 | 31,116 |
| MD | 8,082 | 8,569 | *7,755 | 8,137 | *8,249 | 8,240 |
| MS | 15,202 | 16,403 | *16,508 | 17,249 | 17,759 | 17,769 |
| NC | 16,542 | 17,510 | 17,843 | 18,368 | 18,377 | 18,297 |
| PA | 3,092 | 3,115 | 3,539 | 3,518 | *3,452 | 3,742 |
| SC | 4,702 | 4,493 | 4,862 | 4,749 | 4,980 | 4,772 |
| TX | 11,817 | 13,995 | 14,160 | 14,455 | 14,519 | 14,514 |
| VA | 5,679 | 5,422 | 6,335 | 6,244 | 6,205 | 6,049 |
| CA, TN, & WV | 10,525 | 10,678 | *11,185 | 10,951 | *11,233 | 11,054 |
| 15 State Total | *159,856 | 167,729 | *177,527 | 175,939 | *179,874 | 181,250 |
| Previous Year Total | 169,328 | 172,779 | 179,159 | 178,740 | 180,524 | 180,467 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 94 | 97 | 99 | 98 | 100 | 100 |

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Oct 28 2000 | Nov 4 2000 | Nov 11 2000 | Nov 18 2000 | Nov 25 2000 | Dec 2 2000 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 20,909 | 20,566 | 18,455 | 18,524 | 19,191 | 21,284 |
| AR | 21,453 | 23,339 | 22,178 | *20,284 | *21,146 | 24,253 |
| DE | 4,565 | 4,390 | 4,231 | 4,867 | 4,767 | 5,679 |
| FL | 2,384 | 1,952 | 2,100 | 2,098 | 1,795 | 2,133 |
| GA | 24,644 | 23,104 | 23,642 | 22,153 | *22,547 | 24,592 |
| MD | 5,229 | *5,711 | 5,330 | *4,978 | *6,011 | 4,537 |
| MS | 14,982 | 13,944 | 12,437 | 13,121 | 14,004 | 13,833 |
| NC | 13,294 | 13,299 | 12,804 | 13,256 | 13,987 | 14,628 |
| PA | 2,790 | 2,443 | 2,298 | 2,478 | *2,424 | 2,630 |
| SC | 4,431 | 3,626 | 3,500 | 3,614 | 4,129 | 3,800 |
| TX | 11,530 | 10,979 | 10,448 | 9,423 | 11,015 | 11,149 |
| VA | 4,676 | 4,824 | 5,164 | 4,704 | 4,466 | 4,951 |
| CA, TN, & WV | 8,768 | 8,525 | *8,016 | *9,144 | *9,473 | 10,662 |
| 15 State Total | 139,655 | *136,702 | *130,603 | *128,644 | *134,955 | 144,131 |
| Previous Year Total | 133,415 | 130,495 | 130,414 | 135,022 | 137,966 | 142,610 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 105 | 105 | 100 | 95 | 98 | 101 |

* Revised.