



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 179 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 16, 2000. This was down 1 percent 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 16, 2000. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through December 16, 2000, were 7.19 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 11 2000	Nov 18 2000	Nov 25 2000	Dec 2 2000	Dec 9 2000	Dec 16 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,515	27,704	27,960	29,214	27,452	28,202
AR	29,319	29,150	29,980	29,753	*29,442	29,661
DE	4,041	4,066	4,007	4,214	3,963	3,943
FL	2,340	2,461	2,509	2,516	2,464	2,469
GA	31,128	29,937	*30,808	31,209	*30,655	30,635
MD	7,755	8,137	8,249	8,225	*8,114	8,310
MS	16,523	17,533	*18,016	17,769	18,070	18,092
NC	17,843	18,367	18,377	18,297	17,009	18,332
PA	3,539	3,518	3,452	3,886	*3,554	3,564
SC	4,862	4,749	4,980	4,752	4,627	4,867
TX	14,161	14,452	14,516	14,511	14,442	14,425
VA	6,335	6,244	6,205	6,049	5,694	6,103
CA, TN, & WV	11,185	11,223	11,233	11,066	*10,997	10,894
15 State Total	177,546	177,541	*180,292	181,461	*176,483	179,497
Previous Year Total	179,159	178,740	180,524	180,467	180,792	181,050
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	100	101	98	99

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 11 2000	Nov 18 2000	Nov 25 2000	Dec 2 2000	Dec 9 2000	Dec 16 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	18,460	18,524	19,191	21,284	20,803	21,374
AR	22,178	*20,293	21,146	24,253	*23,217	23,334
DE	4,231	4,867	4,767	5,639	*4,114	4,579
FL	2,100	2,098	1,795	2,133	2,076	2,142
GA	23,642	22,153	*22,521	24,593	*23,556	24,953
MD	5,330	4,978	6,011	*4,541	*5,799	5,774
MS	12,450	13,121	14,004	13,833	14,912	15,244
NC	12,804	13,256	13,987	14,628	13,815	14,380
PA	2,298	2,478	2,424	2,666	*2,790	2,566
SC	3,500	3,614	4,129	3,800	4,853	4,199
TX	10,449	9,424	11,016	11,149	11,385	11,554
VA	5,164	4,704	4,466	5,003	*5,484	5,093
CA, TN, & WV	8,016	9,144	9,473	10,660	*10,405	9,807
15 State Total	130,622	*128,654	*134,930	*144,182	*143,209	144,999
Previous Year Total	130,414	135,022	137,966	142,610	142,905	144,828
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	95	98	101	100	100

* Revised.