



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 180 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 23, 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 23, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through December 23, 2000, were 7.33 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 18 2000	Nov 25 2000	Dec 2 2000	Dec 9 2000	Dec 16 2000	Dec 23 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,704	27,960	29,214	27,452	28,202	28,154
AR	29,150	29,980	29,753	29,442	29,661	29,424
DE	4,066	4,007	4,214	3,963	*3,936	3,997
FL	2,461	2,509	2,516	2,464	2,469	2,447
GA	29,937	30,808	31,209	30,655	30,635	30,954
MD	8,137	8,249	8,225	8,114	*8,363	8,372
MS	17,533	18,016	*17,966	18,070	18,092	18,159
NC	18,367	18,377	18,297	17,009	18,332	18,199
PA	3,518	3,452	3,886	3,554	3,564	3,704
SC	4,749	4,980	4,752	4,627	4,867	4,749
TX	14,452	14,516	14,511	14,442	14,425	14,478
VA	6,244	6,205	6,049	5,694	6,103	6,209
CA, TN, & WV	11,223	11,233	11,066	10,997	10,894	11,013
15 State Total	177,541	180,292	*181,658	176,483	*179,543	179,859
Previous Year Total	178,740	180,524	180,467	180,792	181,050	180,335
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	101	98	99	100

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 18 2000	Nov 25 2000	Dec 2 2000	Dec 9 2000	Dec 16 2000	Dec 23 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	18,524	19,191	21,284	20,803	21,374	22,008
AR	20,293	21,146	24,253	23,217	23,334	22,751
DE	4,867	4,767	5,639	4,114	*4,237	5,118
FL	2,098	1,795	2,133	2,076	2,142	2,328
GA	22,153	22,521	24,593	23,556	*24,944	24,987
MD	4,978	6,011	4,541	5,799	*5,665	5,512
MS	13,121	14,004	13,833	14,912	15,244	14,969
NC	13,256	13,987	14,628	13,815	*14,152	14,376
PA	2,478	2,424	2,666	2,790	*2,572	2,880
SC	3,614	4,129	3,800	4,853	4,199	3,961
TX	9,424	11,016	11,149	11,385	11,554	11,362
VA	4,704	4,466	5,003	5,484	*5,536	4,884
CA, TN, & WV	9,144	9,473	10,660	10,405	*9,827	9,834
15 State Total	128,654	134,930	144,182	143,209	*144,780	144,970
Previous Year Total	135,022	137,966	142,610	142,905	144,828	143,292
Pct. of Prev. Year	95	98	101	100	100	101

* Revised.