



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 176 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 30, 2000. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 81 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 139 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 30, 2000. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through December 30, 2000, were 7.47 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 25 2000	Dec 2 2000	Dec 9 2000	Dec 16 2000	Dec 23 2000	Dec 30 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,960	29,214	27,452	28,202	*27,923	27,849
AR	29,980	29,753	29,442	29,661	*29,348	27,110
DE	4,007	4,214	3,963	3,936	*4,098	3,962
FL	2,509	2,516	2,464	2,469	2,447	2,433
GA	30,808	31,209	*30,882	30,635	*31,389	30,670
MD	8,249	8,225	8,114	8,363	*8,400	8,388
MS	18,016	17,966	18,070	18,092	*18,188	17,875
NC	18,377	18,297	17,009	18,332	18,199	18,050
PA	3,452	3,886	3,554	3,564	*3,675	3,522
SC	4,980	4,752	4,627	4,867	4,749	4,667
TX	14,516	14,511	14,442	14,425	14,478	14,519
VA	6,205	6,049	5,694	*6,449	*6,263	6,369
CA, TN, & WV	11,233	11,066	10,997	*10,934	*11,252	11,043
15 State Total	180,292	181,658	*176,710	*179,929	*180,409	176,457
Previous Year Total	180,524	180,467	180,792	181,050	180,335	181,480
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	98	99	100	97

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 25 2000	Dec 2 2000	Dec 9 2000	Dec 16 2000	Dec 23 2000	Dec 30 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,191	21,284	20,803	21,374	*21,582	19,764
AR	21,146	24,253	23,217	23,334	*23,229	21,307
DE	4,767	5,639	4,114	4,237	*4,574	5,135
FL	1,795	2,133	2,076	2,142	*2,118	2,486
GA	22,521	24,593	23,556	24,944	*24,775	24,319
MD	6,011	4,541	5,799	5,665	*5,774	4,876
MS	14,004	13,833	14,912	15,244	*14,994	15,167
NC	13,987	14,628	13,815	14,152	14,376	13,270
PA	2,424	2,666	2,790	2,572	*2,707	2,557
SC	4,129	3,800	4,853	4,199	3,961	3,957
TX	11,016	11,149	11,385	11,554	11,362	11,648
VA	4,466	5,003	5,484	5,536	*5,146	4,946
CA, TN, & WV	9,473	10,660	10,405	*9,834	*9,461	9,375
15 State Total	134,930	144,182	143,209	*144,787	*144,059	138,807
Previous Year Total	137,966	142,610	142,905	144,828	143,292	144,382
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	101	100	100	101	96

* Revised.