



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 185 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 3, 2001. This was up 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 144 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 3, 2001. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through March 3, 2001 were 1.29 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 27 2001	Feb 3 2001	Feb 10 2001	Feb 17 2001	Feb 24 2001	Mar 3 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,306	27,513	*28,053	28,323	*28,250	28,521
AR	29,413	29,702	29,752	29,225	29,392	29,916
DE	3,875	3,974	3,976	4,306	*4,322	3,555
FL	2,486	2,489	2,724	2,719	2,554	2,440
GA	30,646	30,381	*30,726	*30,921	*31,652	32,368
MD	8,306	8,205	8,279	8,590	*8,802	8,943
MS	17,938	17,833	18,097	18,167	*18,609	19,018
NC	16,856	17,865	*18,243	17,760	18,063	18,469
PA	3,701	3,779	3,344	3,534	*3,834	3,677
SC	4,661	4,934	4,748	4,798	4,930	4,919
TX	14,475	13,990	14,553	14,544	14,663	14,659
VA	6,591	6,582	6,558	6,607	6,616	6,654
CA, TN, & WV	11,180	11,387	11,371	11,486	*11,688	11,561
15 State Total	177,434	178,634	*180,424	*180,980	*183,375	184,700
Previous Year Total	179,169	178,533	178,059	178,218	183,373	184,181
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	101	102	100	100

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 27 2001	Feb 3 2001	Feb 10 2001	Feb 17 2001	Feb 24 2001	Mar 3 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,586	21,082	20,714	20,568	*20,374	21,304
AR	24,001	23,584	22,457	22,484	23,136	22,409
DE	5,423	4,982	5,526	4,693	*4,232	4,905
FL	2,236	2,300	2,183	2,049	2,434	2,353
GA	24,407	24,213	24,709	24,456	*24,539	24,216
MD	4,906	5,702	5,050	5,533	*5,715	5,730
MS	15,193	15,290	15,261	14,843	*14,874	15,174
NC	13,727	14,658	13,768	13,585	13,999	14,284
PA	2,779	2,694	2,536	2,716	*2,882	2,554
SC	4,229	4,160	4,067	4,017	3,760	4,044
TX	11,180	11,106	11,218	11,258	11,532	11,415
VA	5,322	4,758	5,291	5,526	5,387	5,609
CA, TN, & WV	9,940	10,255	10,527	9,565	*9,481	9,976
15 State Total	143,929	144,784	143,307	141,293	*142,345	143,973
Previous Year Total	145,644	144,326	145,858	143,311	141,374	141,126
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	98	99	101	102

* Revised.