



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 182 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 31, 2001. 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 Down Slightly Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 31, 2001. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through March 31, 2001 were 1.88 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 24 2001	Mar 3 2001	Mar 10 2001	Mar 17 2001	Mar 24 2001	Mar 31 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,652	28,937	*29,162	28,653	*28,597	29,046
AR	29,820	29,916	29,991	29,426	29,443	28,886
DE	4,322	3,555	3,669	3,574	*3,682	3,670
FL	2,664	2,540	2,544	2,679	2,695	2,678
GA	31,451	32,368	*31,589	31,873	*31,851	31,531
MD	8,802	8,943	8,736	8,888	8,608	8,624
MS	18,760	19,018	19,004	18,821	19,018	18,670
NC	18,063	18,356	*17,934	18,282	18,017	17,948
PA	3,834	3,706	*3,933	*3,794	*3,548	3,810
SC	4,930	4,919	4,846	4,983	5,051	4,911
TX	14,663	14,659	14,738	14,798	14,851	14,684
VA	6,616	6,649	6,647	6,717	6,883	6,686
CA, TN, & WV	11,748	11,579	11,496	11,483	*11,342	11,327
15 State Total	184,325	185,145	*184,289	*183,971	*183,586	182,471
Previous Year Total	183,373	184,181	184,823	184,452	184,908	184,583
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	100	100	99	99

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 24 2001	Mar 3 2001	Mar 10 2001	Mar 17 2001	Mar 24 2001	Mar 31 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,374	21,304	21,388	21,177	*21,477	22,454
AR	23,167	22,485	23,203	24,259	24,556	24,415
DE	4,232	4,905	4,817	5,250	*4,799	5,276
FL	2,434	2,353	2,408	2,400	2,364	2,230
GA	24,539	24,227	24,779	25,946	*26,262	25,990
MD	5,715	5,717	5,602	6,140	*5,714	5,377
MS	14,874	15,174	15,388	15,151	15,954	15,662
NC	13,999	14,284	14,716	14,873	14,495	14,685
PA	2,882	2,402	*2,689	*2,744	*2,838	2,869
SC	3,760	4,044	3,702	3,754	4,245	3,797
TX	11,532	11,415	11,443	11,643	11,778	11,617
VA	5,602	5,592	5,859	5,373	5,659	5,287
CA, TN, & WV	9,483	9,981	10,412	10,268	*10,176	10,142
15 State Total	142,593	143,883	*146,406	*148,978	*150,317	149,801
Previous Year Total	141,374	141,126	142,475	147,869	147,502	149,908
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	103	101	102	100

* Revised.