



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 2 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 185 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 7, 2001. This was down 2 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 7, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through April 7, 2001 were 2.03 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 3 2001	Mar 10 2001	Mar 17 2001	Mar 24 2001	Mar 31 2001	Apr 7 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,937	29,162	28,653	28,597	29,046	29,117
AR	*30,460	*30,536	*30,162	*29,987	28,886	29,060
DE	3,555	3,669	3,574	3,682	3,670	3,454
FL	2,540	2,544	2,679	2,695	2,678	2,694
GA	32,368	31,589	31,873	31,851	*31,519	32,377
MD	8,943	8,736	8,888	8,608	8,624	8,947
MS	19,018	19,004	18,821	19,018	18,670	18,898
NC	18,356	17,934	*18,290	18,017	17,948	17,923
PA	3,706	3,933	3,794	3,548	*3,806	3,980
SC	4,919	4,846	4,983	5,051	4,911	4,889
TX	14,659	14,738	14,798	14,851	14,684	15,192
VA	6,649	6,647	6,717	6,883	6,686	6,731
CA, TN, & WV	11,579	11,496	11,483	11,342	*11,609	11,638
15 State Total	*185,689	*184,834	*184,715	*184,130	*182,737	184,900
Previous Year Total	184,181	184,823	184,452	184,908	184,583	187,912
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	100	100	99	98

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 3 2001	Mar 10 2001	Mar 17 2001	Mar 24 2001	Mar 31 2001	Apr 7 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,304	21,388	21,177	21,477	22,454	22,162
AR	22,485	23,203	24,259	*25,011	*24,837	23,354
DE	4,905	4,817	5,250	*4,724	5,276	5,589
FL	2,353	2,408	2,400	2,364	2,230	2,294
GA	24,227	24,779	*25,941	*26,312	*26,049	25,570
MD	5,717	5,602	6,140	5,714	5,377	5,260
MS	15,174	15,388	15,151	15,954	15,662	15,744
NC	14,284	14,716	14,873	14,495	14,685	14,446
PA	2,402	2,689	2,744	2,838	*2,872	3,125
SC	4,044	3,702	3,754	4,245	3,797	4,201
TX	11,415	11,443	11,643	11,778	11,617	11,558
VA	5,592	5,859	5,373	5,659	5,287	5,450
CA, TN, & WV	9,981	10,412	10,268	10,176	*10,091	10,270
15 State Total	143,883	146,406	*148,973	*150,747	*150,234	149,023
Previous Year Total	141,126	142,475	147,869	147,502	149,908	147,350
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	101	102	100	101

\* Revised.