



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 184 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 14, 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 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 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 14, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through April 14, 2001 were 2.18 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 10 2001	Mar 17 2001	Mar 24 2001	Mar 31 2001	Apr 7 2001	Apr 14 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,162	28,653	*28,835	29,046	*29,114	28,979
AR	30,536	30,162	29,987	28,886	29,060	30,029
DE	3,669	3,574	3,682	3,670	3,454	3,737
FL	2,544	2,679	2,695	2,678	2,694	2,362
GA	31,589	31,873	31,851	31,519	32,377	32,586
MD	8,736	8,888	8,608	8,624	*8,946	9,021
MS	19,004	18,821	19,018	18,670	*18,929	17,820
NC	17,934	18,290	*18,098	17,948	17,923	17,699
PA	3,933	3,794	3,548	3,806	*3,781	3,736
SC	4,846	4,983	5,051	4,911	4,889	5,012
TX	14,738	14,798	14,851	14,684	15,192	15,260
VA	6,647	6,717	6,883	6,686	6,731	6,703
CA, TN, & WV	11,496	11,483	11,342	11,609	*11,570	11,371
15 State Total	184,834	184,715	*184,449	182,737	*184,660	184,315
Previous Year Total	184,823	184,452	184,908	184,583	187,912	187,448
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	100	99	98	98

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 10 2001	Mar 17 2001	Mar 24 2001	Mar 31 2001	Apr 7 2001	Apr 14 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,388	21,177	21,477	22,454	*22,316	21,808
AR	23,203	24,259	25,011	24,837	*23,315	23,813
DE	4,817	5,250	4,724	5,276	*5,648	4,703
FL	2,408	2,400	2,364	2,230	*2,186	2,468
GA	24,779	25,941	26,312	26,049	*25,534	25,427
MD	5,602	6,140	5,714	5,377	*5,221	5,847
MS	15,388	15,151	15,954	15,662	*15,491	15,615
NC	14,716	14,873	14,495	14,685	14,446	14,405
PA	2,689	2,744	2,838	2,872	*3,041	2,649
SC	3,702	3,754	4,245	3,797	4,201	4,584
TX	11,443	11,643	11,778	11,617	11,558	11,606
VA	5,859	5,373	5,659	5,287	5,450	5,407
CA, TN, & WV	10,412	10,268	10,176	10,091	*10,260	10,669
15 State Total	146,406	148,973	150,747	150,234	*148,667	149,001
Previous Year Total	142,475	147,869	147,502	149,908	147,350	147,705
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	101	102	100	101	101

* Revised.