



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 183 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 21, 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 21, 2001. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through April 21, 2001 were 2.33 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 17 2001	Mar 24 2001	Mar 31 2001	Apr 7 2001	Apr 14 2001	Apr 21 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,653	28,835	29,046	29,114	*29,005	28,616
AR	30,162	29,987	28,886	29,060	30,029	29,613
DE	3,574	3,682	3,670	3,454	3,737	3,777
FL	2,679	2,695	2,678	2,694	2,362	2,384
GA	31,873	31,851	31,519	32,377	32,586	31,853
MD	8,888	8,608	8,624	8,946	*8,682	8,697
MS	18,821	19,018	18,670	18,929	17,820	18,119
NC	18,290	18,098	*17,877	17,923	17,699	17,463
PA	3,794	3,548	3,806	*3,819	3,736	3,666
SC	4,983	5,051	4,911	4,889	5,012	5,021
TX	14,798	14,851	14,684	15,192	15,260	15,261
VA	6,717	6,883	6,686	*6,734	*6,698	6,693
CA, TN, & WV	11,483	11,342	11,609	11,570	*11,370	11,538
15 State Total	184,715	184,449	*182,666	*184,701	*183,996	182,701
Previous Year Total	185,387	185,721	185,510	188,823	188,331	186,477
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	98	98	98	98

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 17 2001	Mar 24 2001	Mar 31 2001	Apr 7 2001	Apr 14 2001	Apr 21 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,177	21,477	22,454	22,316	*21,857	22,135
AR	24,259	25,011	24,837	23,315	23,813	22,964
DE	5,250	4,724	5,276	5,648	*4,672	4,944
FL	2,400	2,364	2,230	2,186	2,468	2,395
GA	25,941	26,312	26,049	25,534	*25,440	25,355
MD	6,140	5,714	5,377	5,221	*6,106	5,429
MS	15,151	15,954	15,662	15,491	15,615	15,331
NC	14,873	14,495	14,685	14,446	14,405	14,437
PA	2,744	2,838	2,872	*2,684	*2,583	2,736
SC	3,754	4,245	3,797	4,201	4,584	3,909
TX	11,643	11,778	11,617	11,558	11,606	11,461
VA	5,373	5,659	5,287	*5,458	*5,415	5,785
CA, TN, & WV	10,268	10,176	10,091	*10,260	*10,694	10,282
15 State Total	148,973	150,747	150,234	*148,318	*149,258	147,163
Previous Year Total	148,620	148,575	149,714	147,609	148,314	148,919
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	100	100	101	99

* Revised.