



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 184 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 28, 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 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 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 28, 2001. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through April 28, 2001 were 2.48 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 24 2001	Mar 31 2001	Apr 7 2001	Apr 14 2001	Apr 21 2001	Apr 28 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,835	29,046	*29,445	29,005	28,616	29,101
AR	29,987	28,886	*30,602	30,029	*29,815	30,253
DE	3,682	3,670	3,454	3,737	3,777	3,573
FL	2,695	2,678	*2,539	2,362	2,384	2,381
GA	31,851	31,519	32,377	32,586	31,853	32,169
MD	8,608	8,624	8,946	8,682	*8,788	8,724
MS	19,018	18,670	18,929	17,820	18,119	17,933
NC	18,098	17,877	*18,034	17,699	17,463	17,826
PA	3,548	3,806	3,819	3,736	3,666	3,781
SC	5,051	4,911	4,889	5,012	5,021	4,978
TX	14,851	14,684	15,192	15,260	15,261	15,299
VA	6,883	6,686	6,734	6,698	6,693	6,611
CA, TN, & WV	11,342	11,609	11,570	11,370	11,538	11,112
15 State Total	184,449	182,666	*186,530	183,996	*182,994	183,741
Previous Year Total	185,721	185,510	188,823	188,331	186,477	186,476
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	99	98	98	99

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 24 2001	Mar 31 2001	Apr 7 2001	Apr 14 2001	Apr 21 2001	Apr 28 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,477	22,454	22,316	21,857	22,135	22,185
AR	25,011	24,837	*23,389	23,813	*23,026	24,197
DE	4,724	5,276	5,648	4,672	*5,155	4,717
FL	2,364	2,230	2,186	2,468	2,395	1,923
GA	26,312	26,049	25,534	25,440	25,355	25,249
MD	5,714	5,377	5,221	6,106	*4,871	5,782
MS	15,954	15,662	15,491	15,615	15,331	15,671
NC	14,495	14,685	14,446	14,405	14,437	14,510
PA	2,838	2,872	2,684	2,583	2,736	2,811
SC	4,245	3,797	4,201	4,584	3,909	4,636
TX	11,778	11,617	11,558	11,606	11,461	11,970
VA	5,659	5,287	5,458	5,415	*6,051	5,697
CA, TN, & WV	10,176	10,091	10,260	10,694	10,282	9,897
15 State Total	150,747	150,234	*148,392	149,258	*147,144	149,245
Previous Year Total	148,575	149,714	147,609	148,314	148,919	151,362
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	101	101	99	99

* Revised.