



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 185 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 5, 2001. This was up 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 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 5, 2001. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through May 5, 2001 were 2.63 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 31 2001	Apr 7 2001	Apr 14 2001	Apr 21 2001	Apr 28 2001	May 5 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,046	29,445	*29,401	28,616	29,101	28,872
AR	28,886	30,602	30,029	29,815	30,253	30,017
DE	3,670	3,454	3,737	3,777	3,573	3,588
FL	2,678	2,539	*2,402	2,384	2,381	2,376
GA	31,519	32,377	32,586	31,853	32,169	32,206
MD	8,624	8,946	8,682	8,788	8,724	8,769
MS	18,670	18,929	*18,846	18,119	17,933	18,729
NC	17,877	18,034	*17,756	17,463	17,826	17,861
PA	3,806	3,819	3,736	3,666	*3,779	3,840
SC	4,911	4,889	5,012	5,021	*4,983	4,968
TX	14,684	15,192	15,260	15,261	15,299	15,289
VA	6,686	6,734	6,698	6,693	6,611	6,852
CA, TN, & WV	11,609	11,570	11,370	11,538	*10,959	11,293
15 State Total	182,666	186,530	*185,515	182,994	*183,591	184,660
Previous Year Total	185,510	188,823	188,331	186,477	186,476	183,698
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	99	98	98	101

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 31 2001	Apr 7 2001	Apr 14 2001	Apr 21 2001	Apr 28 2001	May 5 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,454	22,316	21,857	22,135	*22,088	22,290
AR	24,837	23,389	23,813	23,026	24,197	24,730
DE	5,276	5,648	4,672	5,155	4,717	4,190
FL	2,230	2,186	2,468	2,395	*2,458	2,411
GA	26,049	25,534	25,440	*25,341	*25,145	26,021
MD	5,377	5,221	6,106	4,871	5,782	5,557
MS	15,662	15,491	15,615	15,331	15,671	16,617
NC	14,685	14,446	14,405	14,437	*14,690	13,794
PA	2,872	2,684	2,583	2,736	*2,803	2,751
SC	3,797	4,201	4,584	3,909	*4,464	3,878
TX	11,617	11,558	11,606	11,461	11,970	11,917
VA	5,287	5,458	5,415	6,051	5,697	6,197
CA, TN, & WV	10,091	10,260	10,694	10,282	*10,340	9,524
15 State Total	150,234	148,392	149,258	*147,130	*150,022	149,877
Previous Year Total	149,714	147,609	148,314	148,919	151,362	150,793
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	101	99	99	99

* Revised.