



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 187 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 12, 2001. This was up slightly 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 May 12, 2001. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through May 12, 2001 were 2.78 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19-States set a total of 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 12, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19-States placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 12, 2001.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 7 2001	Apr 14 2001	Apr 21 2001	Apr 28 2001	May 5 2001	May 12 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,445	*29,401	*28,823	29,101	28,872	29,600
AR	30,602	30,029	*30,087	30,253	30,017	30,173
DE	3,454	3,737	3,777	3,573	3,588	3,680
FL	2,539	*2,402	2,384	2,381	2,376	2,400
GA	32,377	32,586	31,853	32,169	32,206	32,278
MD	8,946	8,682	8,788	8,724	8,769	8,960
MS	18,929	*18,846	18,119	17,933	*18,744	19,089
NC	18,034	*17,756	*17,790	17,826	17,861	18,342
PA	*3,842	*3,732	*3,692	*3,727	*3,822	3,760
SC	4,889	5,012	5,021	*4,983	4,968	5,087
TX	15,192	15,260	15,261	15,299	15,289	15,290
VA	6,734	6,698	6,693	6,611	6,852	6,682
CA, TN, & WV	11,570	11,370	11,538	*10,959	*11,484	11,442
15 State Total	*186,553	*185,511	*183,826	*183,539	*184,848	186,783
Previous Year Total	188,823	188,331	186,477	186,476	183,698	185,949
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	98	101	100
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	6,338	4,606	5,610	5,339	5,115	5,513
OK	6,374	6,438	6,236	6,333	6,109	6,180
LA & MO	9,065	9,357	9,259	9,380	9,444	9,444
19 State Total	208,330	205,912	204,931	204,591	205,516	207,920

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 7 2001	Apr 14 2001	Apr 21 2001	Apr 28 2001	May 5 2001	May 12 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,316	21,857	22,135	*22,088	22,290	21,476
AR	23,389	23,813	23,026	24,197	24,730	24,972
DE	5,648	4,672	5,155	4,717	4,190	4,864
FL	2,186	2,468	2,395	*2,458	2,411	2,362
GA	25,534	25,440	*25,341	*25,045	*25,981	25,468
MD	5,221	6,106	4,871	5,782	5,557	5,836
MS	15,491	15,615	15,331	15,671	*15,690	14,599
NC	14,446	14,405	14,437	*14,690	13,794	14,622
PA	*2,678	*2,556	*2,751	*2,841	*2,759	2,699
SC	4,201	4,584	3,909	*4,464	3,878	4,392
TX	11,558	11,606	11,461	11,970	11,917	11,943
VA	5,458	5,415	6,051	5,697	6,197	5,326
CA, TN, & WV	10,260	10,694	10,282	*10,340	*10,060	10,800
15 State Total	*148,386	*149,231	*147,145	*149,960	*149,454	149,359
Previous Year Total	147,609	148,314	148,919	151,362	150,793	150,139
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	99	99	99	99
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	3,612	3,172	4,281	4,329	3,987	4,511
OK	4,783	4,629	4,565	5,319	4,298	4,274
LA & MO	8,027	9,005	9,143	8,843	9,075	8,951
19 State Total	164,808	166,037	165,134	168,451	166,814	167,095

* Revised.