



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 19, 2001. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 19, 2001. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through May 19, 2001 were 2.93 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 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 19, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19-States placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 19, 2001.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 14 2001	Apr 21 2001	Apr 28 2001	May 5 2001	May 12 2001	May 19 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,401	28,823	*28,954	28,872	29,600	29,517
AR	30,029	30,087	30,253	30,017	30,173	30,645
DE	3,737	3,777	3,573	3,588	3,680	3,710
FL	2,402	2,384	2,381	2,376	2,400	2,399
GA	32,586	31,853	*32,501	*31,878	32,278	32,207
MD	8,682	8,788	8,724	8,769	8,960	8,532
MS	18,846	*18,389	*18,069	18,744	19,089	19,140
NC	17,756	17,790	*18,029	17,861	18,342	18,000
PA	3,732	3,692	*3,749	*3,861	*3,821	3,824
SC	5,012	5,021	4,983	4,968	5,087	5,023
TX	15,260	15,261	15,299	15,289	15,290	15,307
VA	6,698	6,693	*6,663	*6,812	*6,605	6,637
CA, TN, & WV	11,370	11,538	10,959	11,484	*11,586	11,621
15 State Total	185,511	*184,096	*184,137	*184,519	*186,911	186,562
Previous Year Total	188,331	186,477	186,476	183,698	185,949	186,522
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	100	101	100
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	4,606	5,610	5,339	5,115	5,513	5,247
OK	6,438	6,236	6,333	6,109	6,180	6,358
LA & MO	9,357	9,259	9,380	9,444	9,444	9,300
19 State Total	205,912	*205,201	*205,189	*205,187	*208,048	207,467

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 14 2001	Apr 21 2001	Apr 28 2001	May 5 2001	May 12 2001	May 19 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,857	22,135	22,088	22,290	21,476	21,675
AR	23,813	23,026	24,197	24,730	24,972	24,859
DE	4,672	5,155	4,717	4,190	*5,032	4,925
FL	2,468	2,395	2,458	2,411	2,362	2,390
GA	25,440	25,341	25,045	25,981	25,468	26,221
MD	*6,107	*4,874	5,782	*5,559	*5,702	5,819
MS	15,615	15,331	15,671	15,690	*14,837	15,152
NC	14,405	14,437	14,690	13,794	14,622	14,892
PA	2,556	2,751	*2,785	*2,738	*2,673	2,655
SC	4,584	3,909	4,464	3,878	*4,411	3,967
TX	11,606	11,461	11,970	11,917	11,943	12,181
VA	5,415	6,051	*5,322	*6,194	*5,704	5,031
CA, TN, & WV	10,694	10,282	10,340	10,060	*10,797	9,930
15 State Total	*149,232	*147,148	*149,529	*149,432	*149,999	149,697
Previous Year Total	148,314	148,919	151,362	150,793	150,139	149,857
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	99	99	99	100	100
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	3,172	4,281	4,329	3,987	*4,653	4,203
OK	4,629	4,565	5,319	4,298	4,274	4,779
LA & MO	9,005	9,143	8,843	9,075	8,951	8,491
19 State Total	*166,038	*165,137	*168,020	*166,792	*167,877	167,170

* Revised.