



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 176 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 9, 2000. This was down 3 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 9, 2000. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through December 9, 2000, were 7.04 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 4 2000	Nov 11 2000	Nov 18 2000	Nov 25 2000	Dec 2 2000	Dec 9 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	25,859	*28,515	*27,704	27,960	29,214	27,452
AR	27,417	29,319	29,150	29,980	29,753	29,250
DE	3,931	4,041	4,066	4,007	4,214	3,963
FL	2,310	2,340	*2,461	2,509	2,516	2,464
GA	28,027	31,128	29,937	30,644	*31,209	30,577
MD	8,569	7,755	8,137	8,249	*8,225	8,166
MS	16,403	*16,523	*17,533	17,759	17,769	18,070
NC	17,510	17,843	*18,367	18,377	18,297	17,009
PA	3,115	3,539	3,518	3,452	*3,886	3,344
SC	4,493	4,862	4,749	4,980	*4,752	4,627
TX	*13,997	*14,161	*14,452	*14,516	*14,511	14,442
VA	5,422	6,335	6,244	6,205	6,049	5,694
CA, TN, & WV	10,678	11,185	*11,223	11,233	*11,066	10,826
15 State Total	*167,731	*177,546	*177,541	*179,871	*181,461	175,884
Previous Year Total	172,779	179,159	178,740	180,524	180,467	180,792
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	99	99	100	101	97

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 4 2000	Nov 11 2000	Nov 18 2000	Nov 25 2000	Dec 2 2000	Dec 9 2000
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,566	*18,460	18,524	19,191	21,284	20,803
AR	23,339	22,178	20,284	21,146	24,253	23,095
DE	4,390	4,231	4,867	4,767	*5,639	4,528
FL	1,952	2,100	2,098	1,795	2,133	2,076
GA	23,104	23,642	22,153	22,547	*24,593	23,356
MD	5,711	5,330	4,978	6,011	*4,538	5,751
MS	13,944	*12,450	13,121	14,004	13,833	14,912
NC	13,299	12,804	13,256	13,987	14,628	13,815
PA	2,443	2,298	2,478	2,424	*2,666	2,672
SC	3,626	3,500	3,614	4,129	3,800	4,853
TX	*10,980	*10,449	*9,424	*11,016	11,149	11,385
VA	4,824	5,164	4,704	4,466	*5,003	5,106
CA, TN, & WV	8,525	8,016	9,144	9,473	*10,660	10,756
15 State Total	*136,703	*130,622	*128,645	*134,956	*144,179	143,108
Previous Year Total	130,495	130,414	135,022	137,966	142,610	142,905
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	100	95	98	101	100

* Revised.