

Released February 14, 2001, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture. For information on "Broiler Hatchery" call Jody Roberts at (202) 690-8632, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

Broiler

Hatchery

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 181 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 10, 2001. This was up 2 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 10, 2001. Placements down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through February 10, 2001 were 861 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

* * * * * * * *

The next "Broiler Hatchery" report will be released at 3 p.m. ET on February 21, 2001.

Subscription Information

To subscribe to **NASS** reports or to order single copies, call toll free, **1-800-999-6779**. You may write: **ERS/NASS**, 5285 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, VA 22161.

Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

	Week Ending							
State	Jan 6 2001	Jan 13 2001	Jan 20 2001	Jan 27 2001	Feb 3 2001	Feb 10 2001		
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand		
AL	27,614	28,318	27,528	27,742	*27,668	28,021		
AR	29,608	28,905	29,167	29,413	29,702	29,752		
DE	4,103	4,021	4,118	3,875	3,974	3,976		
FL	2,554	2,585	2,499	2,486	2,489	2,724		
GA	30,777	31,007	30,628	30,413	*30,381	30,880		
MD	8,140	8,448	8,679	8,306	8,205	8,279		
MS	18,136	18,144	18,100	17,938	17,916	18,097		
NC	17,700	17,973	*17,620	17,504	17,866	18,514		
PA	3,517	3,500	3,515	3,643	3,826	3,410		
SC	4,840	4,737	4,832	4,661	4,934	4,748		
TX	14,447	14,380	14,412	14,475	13,990	14,553		
VA	6,385	6,409	6,481	6,591	6,582	6,541		
CA, TN, & WV	11,010	11,302	11,610	11,180	11,387	11,772		
15 State Total	178,831	179,729	*179,189	178,227	*178,920	181,267		
Previous Year Total	181,901	180,679	181,734	179,169	178,533	178,059		
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	99	99	100	102		

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending							
	Jan 6	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27	Feb 3	Feb 10		
	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001		
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand		
AL	21,244	21,435	20,726	20,586	*21,082	20,714		
AR	21,817	23,255	22,229	24,055	23,683	22,537		
DE	4,691	4,973	4,540	5,423	4,982	5,523		
FL	2,373	2,402	2,340	2,236	2,300	2,183		
GA	24,353	24,214	24,653	24,407	*24,213	24,507		
MD	5,690	5,193	5,646	4,906	5,702	5,068		
MS	15,240	15,339	14,870	15,193	15,290	15,261		
NC	14,383	14,634	14,466	13,727	14,658	13,768		
PA	2,596	2,709	2,541	2,763	2,687	2,469		
SC	3,793	3,836	4,058	4,229	4,160	4,067		
TX	11,328	11,285	11,345	11,180	11,106	11,218		
VA	5,204	5,254	5,273	5,322	4,758	5,264		
CA, TN, & WV	10,136	9,341	9,587	9,940	10,255	10,655		
15 State Total	142,848	143,870	142,274	143,967	*144,876	143,234		
Previous Year Total	144,090	144,745	145,179	145,644	144,326	145,858		
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	98	99	100	98		

* Revised.