



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 184 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 10, 2001. This was down 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 Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 146 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 10, 2001. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through March 10, 2001 were 1.43 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 3 2001	Feb 10 2001	Feb 17 2001	Feb 24 2001	Mar 3 2001	Mar 10 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,513	28,053	28,323	28,250	28,521	28,730
AR	29,702	29,752	*29,581	29,392	29,916	29,991
DE	3,974	3,976	4,306	4,322	3,555	3,669
FL	2,489	2,724	2,719	2,554	2,440	2,544
GA	30,381	30,726	*31,081	31,652	32,368	31,513
MD	8,205	8,279	8,590	8,802	8,943	8,736
MS	17,833	18,097	*18,379	18,609	19,018	19,004
NC	17,865	18,243	*17,973	18,063	18,469	18,290
PA	*3,835	*3,158	3,534	3,834	*3,709	3,755
SC	4,934	4,748	4,798	4,930	4,919	4,846
TX	13,990	14,553	14,544	14,663	14,659	14,738
VA	*6,385	6,558	*6,516	6,616	*6,649	6,647
CA, TN, & WV	11,387	*11,379	*11,543	*11,748	*11,579	11,351
15 State Total	*178,493	*180,246	*181,887	*183,435	*184,745	183,814
Previous Year Total	178,533	178,059	178,218	183,373	184,181	184,823
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	102	100	100	99

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 3 2001	Feb 10 2001	Feb 17 2001	Feb 24 2001	Mar 3 2001	Mar 10 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,082	20,714	20,568	20,374	21,304	21,220
AR	23,584	22,457	*22,478	*23,167	*22,485	23,203
DE	4,982	5,526	4,693	4,232	4,905	4,817
FL	2,300	2,183	2,049	2,434	2,353	2,408
GA	24,213	24,709	24,456	24,539	*24,227	24,755
MD	5,702	5,050	5,533	5,715	*5,717	5,602
MS	15,290	15,261	14,843	14,874	15,174	15,405
NC	14,658	13,768	13,585	13,999	14,284	14,716
PA	*2,703	*2,516	2,716	2,882	*2,391	2,659
SC	4,160	4,067	4,017	3,760	4,044	3,702
TX	11,106	11,218	11,258	11,532	11,415	11,443
VA	4,758	5,291	5,526	*5,602	*5,592	5,859
CA, TN, & WV	10,255	*10,525	*9,567	*9,483	*9,981	10,406
15 State Total	*144,793	*143,285	*141,289	*142,593	*143,872	146,195
Previous Year Total	144,326	145,858	143,311	141,374	141,126	142,475
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	98	99	101	102	103

* Revised.