



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 184 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 17, 2001. This was down 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 17, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through March 17, 2001 were 1.58 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 10 2001	Feb 17 2001	Feb 24 2001	Mar 3 2001	Mar 10 2001	Mar 17 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,053	*28,147	*28,652	28,521	*28,695	28,653
AR	29,752	29,581	*29,820	29,916	29,991	29,426
DE	3,976	4,306	4,322	3,555	3,669	3,574
FL	2,724	2,719	*2,664	2,440	2,544	2,679
GA	30,726	31,081	*31,451	32,368	31,513	31,873
MD	8,279	8,590	8,802	8,943	8,736	8,919
MS	18,097	18,379	18,609	*18,760	19,004	18,821
NC	18,243	17,973	18,063	18,469	18,290	18,282
PA	3,158	3,534	3,834	*3,706	*3,817	3,559
SC	4,748	4,798	4,930	4,919	4,846	4,983
TX	14,553	14,544	14,663	14,659	14,738	14,798
VA	6,558	6,516	6,616	6,649	6,647	6,717
CA, TN, & WV	11,379	11,543	11,748	11,579	*11,496	11,564
15 State Total	180,246	*181,711	*184,174	*184,484	*183,986	183,848
Previous Year Total	178,059	178,218	183,373	184,181	184,823	184,452
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	100	100	100	100

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 10 2001	Feb 17 2001	Feb 24 2001	Mar 3 2001	Mar 10 2001	Mar 17 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,714	20,568	20,374	21,304	*21,388	21,176
AR	22,457	22,478	23,167	22,485	23,203	24,259
DE	5,526	4,693	4,232	4,905	4,817	5,313
FL	2,183	2,049	2,434	2,353	2,408	2,400
GA	24,709	24,456	24,539	24,227	*24,779	25,947
MD	5,050	5,533	5,715	5,717	5,602	6,089
MS	15,261	14,843	14,874	15,174	*15,388	15,151
NC	13,768	13,585	13,999	14,284	14,716	14,873
PA	2,516	2,716	2,882	*2,402	*2,658	2,822
SC	4,067	4,017	3,760	4,044	3,702	3,754
TX	11,218	11,258	11,532	11,415	11,443	11,643
VA	5,291	5,526	5,602	5,592	5,859	5,373
CA, TN, & WV	10,525	9,567	9,483	9,981	*10,412	10,304
15 State Total	143,285	141,289	142,593	*143,883	*146,375	149,104
Previous Year Total	145,858	143,311	141,374	141,126	142,475	147,869
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	101	102	103	101

* Revised.