



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 24, 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 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 151 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 24, 2001. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through March 24, 2001 were 1.73 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 17 2001	Feb 24 2001	Mar 3 2001	Mar 10 2001	Mar 17 2001	Mar 24 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,147	28,652	*28,937	28,695	28,653	28,594
AR	29,581	29,820	29,916	29,991	29,426	29,443
DE	4,306	4,322	3,555	3,669	3,574	3,684
FL	2,719	2,664	*2,540	2,544	2,679	2,695
GA	31,081	31,451	32,368	31,513	31,873	31,849
MD	8,590	8,802	8,943	8,736	*8,888	8,608
MS	18,379	*18,760	*19,018	19,004	18,821	19,018
NC	17,973	18,063	*18,356	18,290	18,282	18,017
PA	3,534	3,834	3,706	3,817	*3,621	3,550
SC	4,798	4,930	4,919	4,846	4,983	5,051
TX	14,544	14,663	14,659	14,738	14,798	14,851
VA	6,516	6,616	6,649	6,647	6,717	6,883
CA, TN, & WV	11,543	11,748	11,579	11,496	*11,483	11,591
15 State Total	181,711	*184,325	*185,145	183,986	*183,798	183,834
Previous Year Total	178,218	183,373	184,181	184,823	184,452	184,908
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	101	100	100	99

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 17 2001	Feb 24 2001	Mar 3 2001	Mar 10 2001	Mar 17 2001	Mar 24 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,568	20,374	21,304	21,388	*21,177	21,447
AR	22,478	23,167	22,485	23,203	24,259	24,556
DE	4,693	4,232	4,905	4,817	*5,250	4,649
FL	2,049	2,434	2,353	2,408	2,400	2,364
GA	24,456	24,539	24,227	24,779	*25,946	26,289
MD	5,533	5,715	5,717	5,602	*6,140	5,887
MS	14,843	14,874	15,174	15,388	15,151	15,954
NC	13,585	13,999	14,284	14,716	14,873	14,495
PA	2,716	2,882	2,402	2,658	*2,819	3,004
SC	4,017	3,760	4,044	3,702	3,754	4,245
TX	11,258	11,532	11,415	11,443	11,643	11,778
VA	5,526	5,602	5,592	5,859	5,373	5,659
CA, TN, & WV	9,567	9,483	9,981	10,412	*10,268	10,176
15 State Total	141,289	142,593	143,883	146,375	*149,053	150,503
Previous Year Total	143,311	141,374	141,126	142,475	147,869	147,502
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	101	102	103	101	102

* Revised.