



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 182 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 18, 2001. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 81 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 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 18, 2001. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through August 18, 2001 were 4.86 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 18, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 18, 2001.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 14 2001	Jul 21 2001	Jul 28 2001	Aug 4 2001	Aug 11 2001	Aug 18 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,688	29,662	*29,199	29,994	30,001	29,256
AR	30,644	30,430	*30,218	29,819	30,204	29,880
DE	3,470	3,458	3,384	3,417	3,518	3,482
FL	2,251	2,413	2,302	2,220	2,393	2,398
GA	*31,902	31,435	*30,883	31,701	*31,674	31,693
MD	8,822	8,821	8,701	8,756	8,797	8,695
MS	18,830	18,933	18,223	19,077	18,981	18,630
NC	17,008	*17,945	*17,468	18,155	16,393	16,845
PA	4,044	3,944	4,018	*3,575	*3,548	3,751
SC	4,903	4,992	4,899	4,842	4,835	4,984
TX	14,368	14,340	13,911	14,163	13,695	14,135
VA	6,519	6,566	6,550	6,575	6,322	6,569
CA, TN, & WV	11,614	11,956	11,401	11,575	*11,108	11,279
15 State Total	*184,063	*184,895	*181,157	*183,869	*181,469	181,597
Previous Year Total	178,837	178,484	178,863	178,892	177,674	180,272
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	101	103	102	101
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	5,698	*5,408	*5,507	5,255	*5,508	5,599
OK	6,076	6,228	6,256	6,321	5,908	6,295
LA & MO	8,731	8,793	8,662	9,022	8,651	9,102
19 State Total	*204,568	*205,324	*201,582	*204,467	*201,536	202,593

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 14 2001	Jul 21 2001	Jul 28 2001	Aug 4 2001	Aug 11 2001	Aug 18 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,629	22,337	21,850	22,603	22,522	21,817
AR	22,778	25,493	23,136	24,597	24,047	23,811
DE	4,611	4,625	5,127	4,396	*5,443	5,311
FL	2,276	2,327	2,280	2,068	2,649	2,518
GA	24,440	25,573	*24,325	*25,638	*24,756	24,642
MD	5,668	5,750	5,374	5,737	*5,136	5,004
MS	15,449	15,381	15,639	15,597	15,582	14,709
NC	13,950	13,838	13,900	13,982	13,538	13,377
PA	2,639	2,588	2,748	*2,733	*2,780	2,943
SC	4,251	3,983	3,993	3,840	4,583	3,998
TX	11,879	10,384	11,772	11,400	11,272	10,903
VA	5,432	4,731	5,347	5,561	5,315	5,091
CA, TN, & WV	10,352	9,866	10,275	10,125	*10,437	10,839
15 State Total	145,354	146,876	*145,766	*148,277	*148,060	144,963
Previous Year Total	144,530	140,783	140,937	142,149	142,260	142,154
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	104	103	104	104	102
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
KY	4,268	*4,489	*4,252	4,418	*4,147	4,469
OK	5,563	4,174	3,970	4,384	4,217	4,891
LA & MO	8,595	7,165	9,067	8,590	9,087	8,132
19 State Total	163,780	*162,704	*163,055	*165,669	*165,511	162,455

* Revised.