

# Broiler Hatchery



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## Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 179 million eggs during the week ending January 2, 1999. This was up 4 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 2, 1999. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 1997. Cumulative placements from January 4, 1998, through January 2, 1999 were 7.21 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 28 1998	Dec 5 1998	Dec 12 1998	Dec 19 1998	Dec 26 1998	Jan 2 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,323	26,952	27,230	27,422	26,983	26,855
AR	29,687	29,914	30,429	*30,372	29,951	29,482
DE	4,601	4,002	4,160	4,555	4,421	4,243
FL	2,873	2,850	2,748	2,860	2,773	2,833
GA	31,810	31,280	*31,793	31,902	*32,258	31,667
MD	8,903	8,254	8,929	8,252	8,613	8,873
MS	17,575	17,751	17,892	18,303	18,413	17,872
NC	17,311	16,599	17,708	17,322	17,519	17,613
PA	3,664	3,443	3,640	*3,905	*3,552	3,751
SC	4,860	4,352	4,845	4,819	4,660	4,742
TX	13,376	13,419	13,425	13,408	13,514	13,181
VA	6,609	6,407	6,598	6,579	6,578	6,609
CA, TN, & WV	11,561	10,146	11,368	*11,461	*10,841	10,813
15 State Total	180,153	175,369	*180,765	*181,160	*180,076	178,534
Previous Year Total	174,205	171,397	170,812	171,668	170,459	171,775
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	106	106	106	104

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 28 1998	Dec 5 1998	Dec 12 1998	Dec 19 1998	Dec 26 1998	Jan 2 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	18,824	20,477	19,946	19,821	19,279	19,749
AR	22,253	24,008	24,442	24,346	23,604	24,941
DE	4,793	5,650	5,022	5,495	*4,710	5,057
FL	2,279	2,249	2,527	2,062	*2,558	2,259
GA	25,504	24,743	*24,813	25,048	*25,414	24,511
MD	6,338	5,051	6,268	*5,181	*6,206	5,983
MS	13,800	14,692	14,719	14,582	14,269	15,127
NC	13,478	12,871	13,405	13,663	12,710	13,622
PA	2,506	2,755	2,804	*2,765	*2,500	2,690
SC	3,326	4,035	3,636	3,612	3,301	4,819
TX	9,628	10,341	9,893	10,313	10,475	10,378
VA	4,891	5,461	5,248	6,122	4,971	5,447
CA, TN, & WV	9,054	9,805	9,347	10,457	*9,021	10,137
15 State Total	136,674	142,138	*142,070	*143,467	*139,018	144,720
Previous Year Total	135,719	136,952	136,620	142,045	137,523	137,757
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	104	104	101	101	105

\* Revised.