

# Broiler Hatchery



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## Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 177 million eggs during the week ending January 9, 1999. This was up 3 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 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 9, 1999. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week in 1998.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 5 1998	Dec 12 1998	Dec 19 1998	Dec 26 1998	Jan 2 1999	Jan 9 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,952	27,230	*27,294	26,983	26,855	26,074
AR	29,914	30,429	30,372	29,951	29,482	29,543
DE	4,002	4,160	4,555	4,421	4,243	4,202
FL	2,850	2,748	2,860	2,773	2,833	2,784
GA	31,280	31,793	*31,583	32,258	*31,580	31,301
MD	8,254	8,929	8,252	8,613	8,873	8,767
MS	17,751	17,892	18,303	18,413	17,872	17,860
NC	16,599	17,708	17,322	17,519	17,613	17,078
PA	3,443	3,640	3,905	3,552	3,751	3,719
SC	4,352	4,845	4,819	4,660	4,742	4,845
TX	13,419	13,425	13,408	13,514	13,181	13,168
VA	6,407	6,598	6,579	6,578	6,609	6,574
CA, TN, & WV	10,146	11,368	11,461	*10,866	10,813	11,012
15 State Total	175,369	180,765	*180,713	*180,101	*178,447	176,927
Previous Year Total	171,397	170,812	171,668	170,459	171,775	172,482
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	106	105	106	104	103

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 5 1998	Dec 12 1998	Dec 19 1998	Dec 26 1998	Jan 2 1999	Jan 9 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,477	19,946	19,821	19,279	*19,746	19,386
AR	24,008	24,442	24,346	23,604	24,941	25,630
DE	5,650	5,022	5,495	4,710	5,057	4,955
FL	2,249	2,527	2,062	2,558	*2,112	2,364
GA	24,743	24,813	25,048	25,414	*24,686	24,510
MD	5,051	6,268	5,181	6,206	5,983	5,798
MS	14,692	14,719	14,582	14,269	15,127	15,309
NC	12,871	13,405	13,663	12,710	13,622	13,938
PA	2,755	2,804	2,765	2,500	2,690	2,884
SC	4,035	3,636	3,612	3,301	4,819	4,385
TX	10,341	9,893	10,313	10,475	10,378	10,410
VA	5,461	5,248	6,122	4,971	*5,439	5,251
CA, TN, & WV	9,805	9,347	10,457	*9,026	10,137	9,693
15 State Total	142,138	142,070	143,467	*139,023	*144,737	144,513
Previous Year Total	136,952	136,620	142,045	137,523	137,757	136,343
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	101	101	105	106

\* Revised.