

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 16, 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 142 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 16, 1999. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 1999, through January 16, 1999 were 286 million, up 5 percent from the same period a year ago.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 12 1998	Dec 19 1998	Dec 26 1998	Jan 2 1999	Jan 9 1999	Jan 16 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,230	27,294	26,983	26,855	26,074	25,933
AR	30,429	30,372	29,951	29,482	29,543	29,644
DE	4,160	4,555	4,421	4,243	4,202	4,028
FL	2,748	2,860	2,773	2,833	2,784	2,416
GA	31,793	31,583	32,258	31,580	*31,338	31,537
MD	8,929	8,252	8,613	8,873	8,767	8,833
MS	17,892	18,303	18,413	17,872	17,860	18,099
NC	17,708	17,322	*17,356	17,613	17,078	17,506
PA	3,640	3,905	3,552	3,751	*3,706	3,802
SC	4,845	4,819	4,660	4,742	4,845	4,495
TX	*13,426	*13,409	*13,515	13,181	*13,169	13,086
VA	6,598	6,579	6,578	6,609	6,574	6,603
CA, TN, & WV	11,368	11,461	*10,865	10,813	11,012	10,929
15 State Total	180,766	*180,714	*179,938	178,447	*176,952	176,911
Previous Year Total	170,812	171,668	170,459	171,775	172,482	172,022
Pct. of Prev. Year	106	105	106	104	103	103

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 12 1998	Dec 19 1998	Dec 26 1998	Jan 2 1999	Jan 9 1999	Jan 16 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,946	19,821	19,279	19,746	*19,471	19,772
AR	24,442	24,346	23,604	24,941	25,630	23,352
DE	5,022	5,495	4,710	5,057	4,955	4,592
FL	2,527	2,062	2,558	2,112	*2,217	2,481
GA	24,813	25,048	25,414	24,686	*24,670	25,187
MD	6,268	5,181	6,206	5,983	5,798	6,493
MS	14,719	14,582	14,269	15,127	15,309	15,261
NC	13,405	13,663	12,710	13,622	13,938	13,867
PA	2,804	2,765	2,500	2,690	*2,729	2,684
SC	3,636	3,612	3,301	4,819	4,385	3,634
TX	*9,894	*10,314	*10,476	10,378	10,410	10,356
VA	5,248	6,122	4,971	5,439	5,251	5,145
CA, TN, & WV	9,347	10,457	9,026	10,137	*9,581	9,150
15 State Total	142,071	*143,468	*139,024	144,737	*144,344	141,974
Previous Year Total	136,620	142,045	137,523	137,757	136,343	136,027
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	101	101	105	106	104

* Revised.