

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 175 million eggs during the week ending January 23, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 142 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 23, 1999. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through January 23, 1999 were 428 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year ago.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 19 1998	Dec 26 1998	Jan 2 1999	Jan 9 1999	Jan 16 1999	Jan 23 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,294	26,983	26,855	26,074	25,933	25,896
AR	30,372	29,951	29,482	*28,878	*29,160	29,374
DE	4,555	4,421	4,243	4,202	4,028	3,963
FL	2,860	2,773	2,833	2,784	2,416	2,466
GA	31,583	32,258	31,580	31,338	*31,525	31,367
MD	8,252	8,613	8,873	8,767	8,833	8,652
MS	18,303	18,413	*18,060	17,860	18,099	17,784
NC	17,322	17,356	17,613	17,078	17,506	17,144
PA	3,905	*3,565	*3,636	*3,718	*3,808	3,602
SC	4,819	4,660	4,742	4,845	4,495	4,372
TX	13,409	13,515	13,181	13,169	13,086	13,101
VA	6,579	6,578	6,609	6,574	6,603	6,442
CA, TN, & WV	11,461	10,865	10,813	*11,037	*10,949	10,856
15 State Total	180,714	*179,951	*178,520	*176,324	*176,441	175,019
Previous Year Total	171,668	170,459	171,775	172,482	172,022	170,241
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	106	104	102	103	103

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 19 1998	Dec 26 1998	Jan 2 1999	Jan 9 1999	Jan 16 1999	Jan 23 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,821	19,279	19,746	19,471	19,772	18,570
AR	24,346	23,604	24,941	*25,255	*23,146	25,140
DE	5,495	4,710	5,057	4,955	4,592	5,291
FL	2,062	2,558	2,112	2,217	2,481	2,598
GA	25,048	25,414	24,686	24,670	*25,193	25,693
MD	5,181	6,206	5,983	5,798	6,493	5,587
MS	14,582	14,269	*15,115	15,309	15,261	15,125
NC	13,663	12,710	13,622	13,938	*13,748	13,601
PA	2,765	*2,505	*2,558	*2,728	*2,649	2,761
SC	3,612	3,301	4,819	4,385	3,634	3,365
TX	10,314	10,476	10,378	10,410	10,356	10,053
VA	6,122	4,971	5,439	5,251	5,145	5,574
CA, TN, & WV	10,457	9,026	10,137	*9,569	*8,816	8,912
15 State Total	143,468	*139,029	*144,593	*143,956	*141,286	142,270
Previous Year Total	142,045	137,523	137,757	136,343	136,027	138,486
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	105	106	104	103

* Revised.