

# 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 178 million eggs during the week ending February 6, 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 140 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 6, 1999. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through February 6, 1999 were 710 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year ago.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States**

| State               | Week Ending     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                     | Jan 2<br>1999   | Jan 9<br>1999   | Jan 16<br>1999  | Jan 23<br>1999  | Jan 30<br>1999  | Feb 6<br>1999   |
|                     | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL                  | 26,855          | *26,877         | *26,736         | *26,770         | *26,803         | 26,864          |
| AR                  | 29,679          | *29,422         | 29,160          | 29,374          | 29,800          | 29,629          |
| DE                  | 4,243           | 4,202           | 4,028           | 3,963           | 4,250           | 4,533           |
| FL                  | 2,833           | 2,784           | *2,566          | 2,466           | 2,698           | 2,807           |
| GA                  | 31,580          | 31,338          | 31,525          | *31,324         | *30,834         | 31,080          |
| MD                  | 8,873           | 8,767           | 8,833           | 8,652           | 8,414           | 8,626           |
| MS                  | 18,060          | 17,860          | 18,099          | 17,832          | 17,834          | 18,026          |
| NC                  | 17,613          | 17,836          | 17,506          | 17,326          | 17,775          | 17,650          |
| PA                  | 3,636           | 3,718           | 3,808           | *3,628          | *3,421          | 3,844           |
| SC                  | 4,742           | 4,845           | 4,495           | 4,372           | 4,576           | 4,955           |
| TX                  | *13,183         | 13,169          | *13,088         | *13,102         | *12,801         | 13,160          |
| VA                  | 6,609           | 6,574           | 6,603           | 6,442           | 6,585           | 6,653           |
| CA, TN, & WV        | 10,813          | 11,037          | 10,949          | 10,856          | 10,678          | 10,202          |
| 15 State Total      | *178,719        | *178,429        | *177,396        | *176,107        | *176,469        | 178,029         |
| Previous Year Total | 171,775         | 172,482         | 172,022         | 170,241         | 168,706         | 170,408         |
| Pct. of Prev. Year  | 104             | 103             | 103             | 103             | 105             | 104             |

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

| State               | Week Ending     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                     | Jan 2<br>1999   | Jan 9<br>1999   | Jan 16<br>1999  | Jan 23<br>1999  | Jan 30<br>1999  | Feb 6<br>1999   |
|                     | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL                  | 19,746          | *20,142         | *20,435         | *19,251         | *19,909         | 19,188          |
| AR                  | 24,941          | 25,255          | 23,146          | 25,140          | 23,509          | 22,618          |
| DE                  | 5,057           | 4,955           | 4,592           | 5,646           | 4,694           | 4,496           |
| FL                  | 2,112           | 2,217           | 2,481           | 2,598           | *2,504          | 2,413           |
| GA                  | 24,686          | 24,670          | 25,193          | *25,698         | *24,818         | 24,454          |
| MD                  | 5,983           | 5,798           | 6,493           | 5,341           | *6,029          | 6,473           |
| MS                  | 15,115          | 15,309          | 15,261          | 15,088          | 14,779          | 14,856          |
| NC                  | 13,622          | 13,938          | 13,748          | 13,334          | 13,347          | 13,243          |
| PA                  | 2,558           | 2,728           | 2,649           | *2,764          | *2,821          | 2,833           |
| SC                  | 4,819           | 4,385           | 3,634           | *3,597          | 3,886           | 4,148           |
| TX                  | *10,382         | *10,413         | *10,359         | 10,053          | *9,960          | 10,063          |
| VA                  | 5,439           | 5,251           | 5,145           | 5,465           | 5,449           | 5,245           |
| CA, TN, & WV        | 10,137          | 9,569           | 8,817           | 8,913           | 9,383           | 9,484           |
| 15 State Total      | *144,597        | *144,630        | *141,953        | *142,888        | *141,088        | 139,514         |
| Previous Year Total | 137,757         | 136,343         | 136,027         | 138,486         | 137,023         | 137,696         |
| Pct. of Prev. Year  | 105             | 106             | 104             | 103             | 103             | 101             |

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