

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 180 million eggs during the week ending February 13, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 140 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 13, 1999. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999 through February 13, 1999 were 850 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year ago.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 9 1999	Jan 16 1999	Jan 23 1999	Jan 30 1999	Feb 6 1999	Feb 13 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,877	26,736	26,770	26,803	26,864	26,857
AR	29,422	29,160	29,374	29,800	29,629	30,352
DE	4,202	4,028	3,963	4,250	4,533	4,576
FL	2,784	2,566	2,466	2,698	2,807	2,981
GA	31,338	*31,514	*31,136	30,834	*30,992	31,628
MD	8,767	8,833	8,652	8,414	8,626	8,817
MS	17,860	18,099	*17,530	17,834	18,026	18,012
NC	17,836	17,506	17,326	17,775	17,650	17,715
PA	3,718	3,808	3,628	3,421	*3,629	3,605
SC	4,845	4,495	4,372	4,576	4,955	4,478
TX	13,169	13,088	13,102	12,801	13,160	13,313
VA	6,574	6,603	6,442	6,585	6,653	6,663
CA, TN, & WV	11,037	10,949	10,856	10,678	*10,561	10,688
15 State Total	178,429	*177,385	*175,617	176,469	*178,085	179,685
Previous Year Total	172,482	172,022	170,241	168,706	170,408	174,355
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	103	105	105	103

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 9 1999	Jan 16 1999	Jan 23 1999	Jan 30 1999	Feb 6 1999	Feb 13 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,142	20,435	19,251	19,909	19,188	19,150
AR	25,255	23,146	25,140	23,509	22,618	24,105
DE	4,955	4,592	5,646	4,694	4,496	5,561
FL	2,217	2,481	2,598	2,504	2,413	2,215
GA	24,670	25,193	25,698	24,818	*24,472	24,558
MD	5,798	6,493	5,341	6,029	6,473	4,972
MS	15,309	15,261	15,088	14,779	14,856	14,090
NC	13,938	13,748	13,334	13,347	13,243	13,558
PA	2,728	2,649	2,764	2,821	*2,828	2,731
SC	4,385	3,634	3,597	3,886	4,148	3,207
TX	10,413	10,359	10,053	9,960	10,063	10,126
VA	5,251	5,145	5,465	5,449	5,245	5,205
CA, TN, & WV	9,569	8,817	8,913	9,383	9,484	10,217
15 State Total	144,630	141,953	142,888	141,088	*139,527	139,695
Previous Year Total	136,343	136,027	138,486	137,023	137,696	136,804
Pct. of Prev. Year	106	104	103	103	101	102

* Revised.