

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 181 million eggs during the week ending February 20, 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 142 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 20, 1999. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999 through February 20, 1999 were 991 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 16 1999	Jan 23 1999	Jan 30 1999	Feb 6 1999	Feb 13 1999	Feb 20 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,736	26,770	26,803	26,864	26,857	26,270
AR	29,160	29,374	29,800	29,629	*30,398	30,630
DE	4,028	3,963	4,250	4,533	4,576	4,687
FL	2,566	2,466	*2,778	2,807	2,981	2,947
GA	31,514	31,136	30,834	30,992	*31,617	31,672
MD	8,833	8,652	8,414	8,626	8,817	8,865
MS	18,099	17,530	17,834	18,026	18,012	17,990
NC	17,506	17,326	17,775	17,650	17,715	17,894
PA	3,808	3,628	3,421	3,629	*3,553	3,827
SC	4,495	4,372	4,576	4,955	4,478	4,708
TX	13,088	13,102	*12,927	13,160	13,313	13,483
VA	6,603	6,442	6,585	6,653	6,663	6,659
CA, TN, & WV	10,949	10,856	10,678	*10,202	*10,826	11,791
15 State Total	177,385	175,617	*176,675	*177,726	*179,806	181,423
Previous Year Total	172,022	170,241	168,706	170,408	174,355	174,508
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	105	104	103	104

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 16 1999	Jan 23 1999	Jan 30 1999	Feb 6 1999	Feb 13 1999	Feb 20 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,435	19,251	19,909	19,188	*19,125	20,130
AR	23,146	25,140	23,509	22,618	*24,293	24,589
DE	4,592	5,646	4,694	4,496	5,561	5,092
FL	2,481	2,598	2,504	2,413	2,215	2,338
GA	25,193	25,698	24,818	24,472	*24,361	24,732
MD	6,493	5,341	6,029	6,473	4,972	5,903
MS	15,261	15,088	14,779	14,856	14,090	14,668
NC	13,748	13,334	13,347	13,243	13,558	13,616
PA	2,649	2,764	2,821	2,828	*2,710	2,539
SC	3,634	3,597	3,886	4,148	3,207	3,856
TX	10,359	10,053	9,960	10,063	10,126	10,030
VA	5,145	5,465	5,449	5,245	5,205	5,092
CA, TN, & WV	8,817	8,913	9,383	9,484	*10,148	9,034
15 State Total	141,953	142,888	141,088	139,527	*139,571	141,619
Previous Year Total	136,027	138,486	137,023	137,696	136,804	134,827
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	103	103	101	102	105

* Revised.