

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 181 million eggs during the week ending February 27, 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 82 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 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 27, 1999. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999 through February 20, 1999 were 1.13 billion, up 4 percent from the same period a year ago.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 23 1999	Jan 30 1999	Feb 6 1999	Feb 13 1999	Feb 20 1999	Feb 27 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,770	26,803	*27,124	26,857	26,270	26,584
AR	*29,465	*29,890	*29,727	*30,504	*30,600	30,703
DE	3,963	4,250	4,533	4,576	4,687	4,802
FL	2,466	2,778	*2,934	2,981	2,947	2,920
GA	31,136	30,834	*31,052	*31,705	*31,708	31,281
MD	8,652	8,414	8,626	*8,818	8,865	8,998
MS	17,530	17,834	18,026	18,012	17,990	17,666
NC	17,326	17,775	*17,652	17,715	17,894	17,847
PA	3,628	3,421	3,629	*3,591	*3,857	3,913
SC	4,372	4,576	4,955	4,478	4,708	4,619
TX	13,102	12,927	13,160	13,313	13,483	13,485
VA	6,442	6,585	6,653	6,663	6,659	6,673
CA, TN, & WV	10,856	10,678	10,202	*10,827	11,791	11,552
15 State Total	*175,708	*176,765	*178,273	*180,040	*181,459	181,043
Previous Year Total	170,241	168,706	170,408	174,355	174,508	176,161
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	105	105	103	104	103

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 23 1999	Jan 30 1999	Feb 6 1999	Feb 13 1999	Feb 20 1999	Feb 27 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,251	19,909	19,188	19,125	20,130	19,437
AR	25,140	23,509	*22,745	*24,369	*24,676	23,715
DE	5,646	4,694	4,496	*5,555	5,092	4,881
FL	2,598	2,504	2,413	2,215	2,338	2,505
GA	25,698	24,818	24,472	*24,344	*24,723	25,255
MD	5,341	6,029	6,473	*4,987	5,903	5,890
MS	15,088	14,779	14,856	14,090	14,668	15,150
NC	13,334	13,347	13,243	13,558	13,616	13,829
PA	2,764	2,821	2,828	*2,698	*2,594	2,589
SC	3,597	3,886	4,148	3,207	3,856	3,736
TX	10,053	9,960	10,063	10,126	10,030	10,238
VA	5,465	5,449	5,245	5,205	5,092	5,879
CA, TN, & WV	8,913	9,383	9,484	*10,150	*9,036	9,500
15 State Total	142,888	141,088	*139,654	*139,629	*141,754	142,604
Previous Year Total	138,486	137,023	137,696	136,804	134,827	137,647
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	101	102	105	104

* Revised.