

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 183 million eggs during the week ending March 13, 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 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 13, 1999. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999 through March 13, 1999 were 1.43 billion, up 4 percent from the same period a year ago.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 6 1999	Feb 13 1999	Feb 20 1999	Feb 27 1999	Mar 6 1999	Mar 13 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,124	26,915	26,270	26,616	27,425	27,403
AR	29,727	30,504	30,600	30,703	30,692	30,587
DE	4,533	4,576	4,687	4,802	4,722	4,783
FL	2,934	2,981	2,947	2,920	3,025	3,023
GA	31,169	31,793	*31,886	31,458	*32,000	31,620
MD	8,626	*8,936	8,865	8,998	8,999	8,905
MS	18,026	18,083	*17,899	17,666	18,267	18,283
NC	17,652	17,715	17,894	17,847	18,420	18,151
PA	3,629	3,591	3,857	3,913	*3,797	3,706
SC	4,955	4,650	4,708	4,619	4,787	4,858
TX	13,163	13,308	13,478	13,480	13,486	13,508
VA	6,653	6,663	6,659	6,673	6,849	6,610
CA, TN, & WV	10,202	10,827	*11,767	*11,545	*11,277	11,804
15 State Total	178,393	*180,542	*181,517	*181,240	*183,746	183,241
Previous Year Total	170,408	174,355	174,508	176,161	175,704	175,385
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	104	104	103	105	104

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 6 1999	Feb 13 1999	Feb 20 1999	Feb 27 1999	Mar 6 1999	Mar 13 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,188	19,125	20,130	19,427	20,199	21,192
AR	22,745	24,369	24,676	23,715	*24,205	25,283
DE	4,496	5,555	5,092	4,881	5,517	5,259
FL	2,413	2,215	2,338	2,460	2,604	2,466
GA	24,472	24,344	24,726	25,284	*24,804	25,378
MD	6,473	4,987	5,903	5,890	5,848	5,987
MS	14,856	14,090	14,668	15,150	15,111	15,186
NC	13,243	13,558	13,616	13,830	*13,890	13,905
PA	2,828	2,698	2,594	2,589	*2,614	2,817
SC	4,148	3,207	3,856	3,736	4,177	4,300
TX	10,066	10,128	10,032	10,241	10,383	10,384
VA	5,245	5,205	5,092	5,879	5,369	5,614
CA, TN, & WV	9,484	10,150	9,036	*9,502	*9,239	9,989
15 State Total	139,657	139,631	141,759	*142,584	*143,960	147,760
Previous Year Total	137,696	136,804	134,827	137,647	140,209	139,125
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	105	104	103	106

* Revised.