

# 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 182 million eggs during the week ending March 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 82 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 146 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 20, 1999. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999 through March 20, 1999 were 1.57 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 13 1999	Feb 20 1999	Feb 27 1999	Mar 6 1999	Mar 13 1999	Mar 20 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,915	*26,364	*26,662	*27,283	*27,484	26,936
AR	30,504	*30,660	30,703	30,692	30,587	29,577
DE	4,576	4,687	4,802	4,722	4,783	4,761
FL	2,981	2,947	2,920	3,025	*2,985	2,941
GA	31,793	31,886	31,458	32,000	*31,645	31,501
MD	8,936	8,865	8,998	8,999	8,905	8,991
MS	18,083	17,899	17,666	18,267	18,283	18,237
NC	17,715	17,894	17,847	18,420	18,151	18,392
PA	3,591	3,857	3,913	3,797	*3,741	3,816
SC	4,650	4,708	*4,795	4,787	*4,859	4,834
TX	13,308	13,478	13,480	13,486	*13,708	13,653
VA	6,663	6,659	6,673	6,849	6,610	6,618
CA, TN, & WV	10,827	11,767	11,545	11,277	11,804	11,464
15 State Total	180,542	*181,671	*181,462	*183,604	*183,545	181,721
Previous Year Total	174,355	174,508	176,161	175,704	175,385	174,274
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	103	104	105	104

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 13 1999	Feb 20 1999	Feb 27 1999	Mar 6 1999	Mar 13 1999	Mar 20 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,125	*20,094	19,427	*20,219	*19,490	20,025
AR	24,369	24,676	23,715	24,205	*25,312	25,045
DE	5,555	5,092	4,881	5,517	5,259	5,113
FL	2,215	2,338	2,460	2,604	*2,394	2,617
GA	24,344	24,726	25,284	24,804	*25,573	25,217
MD	4,987	5,903	5,890	5,848	*5,990	6,486
MS	14,090	14,668	15,150	15,111	15,186	14,821
NC	13,558	13,616	13,830	13,890	13,905	13,709
PA	2,698	2,594	2,589	2,614	*2,829	2,880
SC	3,207	3,856	*3,888	4,177	*4,289	4,206
TX	10,128	10,032	10,241	10,383	10,384	10,399
VA	5,205	5,092	5,879	5,369	5,614	5,633
CA, TN, & WV	10,150	9,036	9,502	9,239	*10,420	9,443
15 State Total	139,631	*141,723	*142,736	*143,980	*146,645	145,594
Previous Year Total	136,804	134,827	137,647	140,209	139,125	142,823
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	105	104	103	105	102

\* Revised.