

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 27, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 146 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 27, 1999. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999 through March 27, 1999 were 1.72 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year ago.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 20 1999	Feb 27 1999	Mar 6 1999	Mar 13 1999	Mar 20 1999	Mar 27 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,364	26,662	27,283	27,484	*26,680	26,720
AR	30,660	30,703	30,692	30,587	*30,115	30,501
DE	4,687	4,802	4,722	4,783	*4,807	4,522
FL	2,947	2,920	3,025	*3,026	2,941	3,037
GA	31,886	*31,417	32,000	31,645	*31,511	31,916
MD	8,865	8,998	8,999	8,905	8,991	8,932
MS	17,899	17,666	18,267	18,283	18,237	18,196
NC	17,894	17,847	*18,320	18,151	18,392	17,973
PA	3,857	3,913	3,797	*3,779	*3,878	3,450
SC	4,708	4,795	4,787	4,859	4,834	4,885
TX	13,478	13,480	13,486	13,708	13,653	13,825
VA	6,659	6,673	6,849	6,610	6,618	6,805
CA, TN, & WV	11,767	11,545	11,277	*11,805	11,464	11,477
15 State Total	181,671	*181,421	*183,504	*183,625	*182,121	182,239
Previous Year Total	174,508	176,161	175,704	175,385	174,274	175,033
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	103	104	105	105	104

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 20 1999	Feb 27 1999	Mar 6 1999	Mar 13 1999	Mar 20 1999	Mar 27 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,094	19,427	20,219	19,490	*20,009	20,355
AR	24,676	23,715	24,205	25,312	*25,494	24,299
DE	5,092	4,881	5,517	5,259	*4,929	4,590
FL	2,338	2,460	2,604	*2,399	2,617	2,319
GA	24,726	25,284	24,804	25,573	*25,787	25,197
MD	5,903	5,890	5,848	5,990	*6,644	6,893
MS	14,668	15,150	15,111	15,186	14,821	15,413
NC	13,616	13,830	13,890	13,905	13,709	13,893
PA	2,594	2,589	2,614	*2,761	*2,839	2,813
SC	3,856	3,888	4,177	4,289	*3,874	3,868
TX	10,032	10,241	10,383	10,384	10,399	10,661
VA	5,092	5,879	5,369	5,614	5,633	5,604
CA, TN, & WV	9,036	9,502	*9,240	*10,422	*9,445	9,677
15 State Total	141,723	142,736	*143,981	*146,584	*146,200	145,582
Previous Year Total	134,827	137,647	140,209	139,125	142,823	141,754
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	104	103	105	102	103

* Revised.