

# 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 April 3, 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 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 3, 1999. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999 through April 3, 1999 were 1.86 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 27 1999	Mar 6 1999	Mar 13 1999	Mar 20 1999	Mar 27 1999	Apr 3 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,662	27,283	*27,165	26,680	*27,343	27,265
AR	30,703	30,692	30,587	30,115	30,501	28,692
DE	4,802	4,722	4,783	4,807	4,522	4,790
FL	2,920	3,025	3,026	2,941	3,037	2,972
GA	31,417	32,000	*31,641	31,511	*31,976	31,909
MD	8,998	8,999	8,905	8,991	8,932	8,975
MS	17,666	18,267	18,283	18,237	18,196	18,283
NC	17,847	18,320	*18,238	18,392	17,973	18,186
PA	3,913	3,797	3,779	3,878	*3,364	3,701
SC	4,795	4,787	4,859	4,834	4,885	4,756
TX	13,480	13,486	13,708	13,653	13,825	13,813
VA	6,673	6,849	6,610	6,618	6,805	6,585
CA, TN, & WV	11,545	*11,564	11,805	11,464	11,477	11,536
15 State Total	181,421	*183,791	*183,389	182,121	*182,836	181,463
Previous Year Total	176,161	175,704	175,385	174,274	175,033	176,240
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	105	105	105	104	103

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 27 1999	Mar 6 1999	Mar 13 1999	Mar 20 1999	Mar 27 1999	Apr 3 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,427	20,219	19,490	20,009	*20,968	19,991
AR	23,715	24,205	25,312	25,494	24,299	24,847
DE	4,881	5,517	5,259	4,929	4,590	5,501
FL	2,460	2,604	2,399	2,617	2,319	2,493
GA	25,284	24,804	25,573	25,787	*25,203	24,981
MD	5,890	5,848	5,990	6,644	6,893	6,073
MS	15,150	15,111	15,186	14,821	15,413	15,293
NC	13,830	13,890	13,905	13,709	13,893	14,221
PA	2,589	2,614	2,761	2,839	*2,801	2,797
SC	3,888	4,177	4,289	3,874	3,868	3,759
TX	10,241	10,383	10,384	10,399	10,661	10,709
VA	5,879	5,369	5,614	5,633	5,604	5,585
CA, TN, & WV	9,502	9,240	10,422	9,445	9,677	10,588
15 State Total	142,736	143,981	146,584	146,200	*146,189	146,838
Previous Year Total	137,647	140,209	139,125	142,823	141,754	141,015
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	103	105	102	103	104

\* Revised.