

# 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 183 million eggs during the week ending April 10, 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 81 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 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 10, 1999. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999 through April 10, 1999 were 2.01 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year ago.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 6 1999	Mar 13 1999	Mar 20 1999	Mar 27 1999	Apr 3 1999	Apr 10 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,283	27,165	26,680	27,343	27,265	27,671
AR	30,692	30,587	*29,843	30,501	28,692	29,895
DE	4,722	4,783	4,807	4,522	*4,784	4,716
FL	3,025	3,026	*2,741	3,037	2,972	2,933
GA	32,000	31,641	31,511	31,976	*31,895	31,823
MD	8,999	8,905	8,991	8,932	*8,965	8,951
MS	18,267	18,283	18,237	18,196	18,283	18,534
NC	18,320	18,238	*18,217	17,973	18,186	18,352
PA	3,797	3,779	3,878	3,364	*3,773	3,737
SC	4,787	4,859	4,834	4,885	4,756	4,863
TX	*13,731	*13,742	*13,898	*13,859	*13,847	13,831
VA	6,849	6,610	6,618	6,805	6,585	6,584
CA, TN, & WV	11,564	11,805	11,464	11,477	11,536	11,192
15 State Total	*184,036	*183,423	*181,719	*182,870	*181,539	183,082
Previous Year Total	175,704	175,385	174,274	175,033	176,240	176,943
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	105	104	104	103	103

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 6 1999	Mar 13 1999	Mar 20 1999	Mar 27 1999	Apr 3 1999	Apr 10 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,219	19,490	20,009	20,968	*19,513	19,028
AR	24,205	25,312	25,494	24,299	24,847	23,218
DE	5,517	5,259	4,929	4,590	*5,598	5,134
FL	2,604	2,399	2,617	2,319	2,493	2,612
GA	24,804	25,573	25,787	25,203	*24,965	25,007
MD	5,848	5,990	6,644	6,893	*6,129	6,304
MS	15,111	15,186	14,821	15,413	15,293	14,623
NC	13,890	13,905	13,709	13,893	14,221	13,745
PA	2,614	2,761	2,839	2,801	*2,777	2,710
SC	4,177	4,289	3,874	3,868	3,759	4,122
TX	*10,410	*10,411	*10,426	*10,688	*10,736	10,626
VA	5,369	5,614	5,633	5,604	*5,369	5,385
CA, TN, & WV	9,240	10,422	9,445	9,677	*10,542	10,505
15 State Total	*144,008	*146,611	*146,227	*146,216	*146,242	143,019
Previous Year Total	140,209	139,125	142,823	141,754	141,015	140,161
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	105	102	103	104	102

\* Revised.