

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 183 million eggs during the week ending April 17, 1999. This was up 5 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 146 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 17, 1999. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999 through April 17, 1999 were 2.15 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 13 1999	Mar 20 1999	Mar 27 1999	Apr 3 1999	Apr 10 1999	Apr 17 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,165	26,680	27,343	27,265	27,671	27,627
AR	30,587	29,843	30,501	28,692	*30,213	30,379
DE	4,783	4,807	4,522	4,784	4,716	4,773
FL	3,026	2,741	3,037	2,972	2,933	2,820
GA	31,641	31,511	31,976	31,895	*31,800	31,805
MD	8,905	8,991	8,932	8,965	8,951	8,974
MS	18,283	18,237	18,196	18,283	18,534	18,292
NC	18,238	18,217	*18,004	18,186	18,352	18,236
PA	3,779	3,878	3,364	3,773	*3,782	3,665
SC	4,859	4,834	4,885	4,756	4,863	4,787
TX	13,742	13,898	13,859	13,847	13,831	13,808
VA	6,610	6,618	6,805	6,585	6,584	6,603
CA, TN, & WV	11,805	11,464	11,477	11,536	*11,245	11,597
15 State Total	183,423	181,719	*182,901	181,539	*183,475	183,366
Previous Year Total	175,270	174,228	175,287	176,489	177,209	175,023
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	104	104	103	104	105

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 13 1999	Mar 20 1999	Mar 27 1999	Apr 3 1999	Apr 10 1999	Apr 17 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,490	20,009	20,968	19,513	*19,025	20,262
AR	25,312	25,494	24,299	24,847	*23,223	24,774
DE	5,259	4,929	4,590	5,598	5,134	5,153
FL	2,399	2,617	2,319	2,493	2,612	2,348
GA	25,573	25,787	25,203	24,965	*24,783	25,785
MD	5,990	6,644	6,893	6,129	6,304	6,411
MS	15,186	14,821	15,413	15,293	14,623	15,148
NC	13,905	13,709	13,893	14,221	13,745	14,463
PA	2,761	2,839	2,801	2,777	*2,707	2,613
SC	4,289	3,874	3,868	3,759	*4,124	3,237
TX	10,411	10,426	10,688	10,736	10,626	10,586
VA	5,614	5,633	5,604	5,369	5,385	5,099
CA, TN, & WV	*10,274	*9,310	*9,702	*10,544	*10,494	9,651
15 State Total	*146,463	*146,092	*146,241	*146,244	*142,785	145,530
Previous Year Total	139,493	142,518	142,002	141,004	140,750	140,207
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	103	103	104	101	104

* Revised.