

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 May 1, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 1, 1999. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1997. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through May 1, 1999 were 2.44 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 27 1999	Apr 3 1999	Apr 10 1999	Apr 17 1999	Apr 24 1999	May 1 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,343	27,604	27,671	27,627	*27,402	27,561
AR	30,501	28,692	30,213	30,379	30,543	30,227
DE	4,522	4,784	4,716	4,773	4,692	4,380
FL	3,037	2,972	*2,999	2,820	2,656	2,569
GA	31,976	31,895	31,800	32,003	*31,669	31,668
MD	8,932	8,965	8,951	8,990	8,962	8,885
MS	18,196	18,283	18,534	18,292	17,611	18,411
NC	18,004	18,186	*18,460	18,236	18,460	18,340
PA	3,364	3,773	3,789	3,607	*3,624	3,647
SC	4,885	4,756	4,863	4,787	4,864	4,866
TX	13,859	13,847	13,831	13,808	13,826	13,827
VA	6,805	6,585	6,584	6,597	6,622	6,732
CA, TN, & WV	11,477	11,536	11,245	*11,575	11,774	11,987
15 State Total	182,901	181,878	*183,656	*183,494	*182,705	183,100
Previous Year Total	175,287	176,489	177,209	175,023	176,655	177,048
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	103	104	105	103	103

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 27 1999	Apr 3 1999	Apr 10 1999	Apr 17 1999	Apr 24 1999	May 1 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,968	19,513	19,025	20,246	*19,934	20,469
AR	24,299	24,847	23,223	24,774	22,443	25,128
DE	4,590	5,598	5,134	5,494	5,858	5,634
FL	2,319	2,493	2,612	2,414	2,828	2,783
GA	25,203	24,965	24,783	25,699	*25,865	25,103
MD	6,893	6,129	6,304	6,060	*6,306	5,351
MS	15,413	15,293	14,623	15,148	15,250	15,482
NC	13,893	14,221	13,745	14,463	14,037	14,411
PA	2,801	2,777	2,741	2,641	*2,706	2,734
SC	3,868	3,759	4,124	3,237	3,624	3,366
TX	10,688	10,736	10,626	10,586	10,650	10,659
VA	5,604	5,369	5,385	5,119	5,308	6,089
CA, TN, & WV	9,702	10,544	10,494	*9,642	9,995	9,483
15 State Total	146,241	146,244	142,819	*145,523	*144,804	146,692
Previous Year Total	142,002	141,004	140,750	140,207	142,649	143,390
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	101	104	102	102

* Revised.