

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 8, 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 146 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 1, 1999. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through May 8, 1999 were 2.59 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 3 1999	Apr 10 1999	Apr 17 1999	Apr 24 1999	May 1 1999	May 8 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,604	27,671	27,627	27,402	*27,573	27,336
AR	28,692	30,213	30,379	30,543	30,227	30,401
DE	4,784	4,716	4,773	4,692	4,380	4,746
FL	2,972	*3,049	*2,870	*2,706	2,569	2,769
GA	31,895	31,800	32,003	31,669	*31,574	31,844
MD	8,965	8,951	8,990	8,962	8,885	8,966
MS	18,283	18,534	18,292	17,611	*18,479	18,505
NC	18,186	18,460	*18,112	18,460	18,340	17,901
PA	3,773	3,789	3,607	*3,635	*3,650	3,752
SC	4,756	4,863	4,787	4,864	4,866	4,982
TX	13,847	13,831	13,808	13,826	13,827	13,861
VA	6,585	6,584	6,597	6,622	6,732	6,596
CA, TN, & WV	11,536	11,245	11,575	11,774	11,987	11,537
15 State Total	181,878	*183,706	*183,420	*182,766	*183,089	183,196
Previous Year Total	176,489	177,209	175,023	176,655	177,048	177,315
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	105	103	103	103

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 3 1999	Apr 10 1999	Apr 17 1999	Apr 24 1999	May 1 1999	May 8 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,513	19,025	20,246	19,934	*20,472	20,751
AR	24,847	23,223	24,774	22,443	*25,160	23,420
DE	5,598	5,134	5,494	5,858	*5,543	5,214
FL	2,493	2,612	2,414	2,828	2,783	2,484
GA	24,965	24,783	25,699	25,865	*25,265	25,197
MD	6,129	6,304	6,060	6,306	*5,442	6,360
MS	15,293	14,623	15,148	15,250	*15,481	15,046
NC	14,221	13,745	14,463	14,037	14,411	13,972
PA	2,777	2,741	2,641	*2,715	*2,752	2,654
SC	3,759	4,124	3,237	3,624	3,366	4,676
TX	10,736	10,626	10,586	10,650	10,659	10,765
VA	5,369	5,385	5,119	5,308	6,089	5,515
CA, TN, & WV	10,544	10,494	9,642	9,995	9,483	10,294
15 State Total	146,244	142,819	145,523	*144,813	*146,906	146,348
Previous Year Total	141,004	140,750	140,207	142,649	143,390	141,386
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	101	104	102	102	104

* Revised.