

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 184 million eggs during the week ending May 15, 1999. This was up 4 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 15, 1999. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through May 15, 1999 were 2.74 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 10 1999	Apr 17 1999	Apr 24 1999	May 1 1999	May 8 1999	May 15 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,671	27,627	27,402	27,573	27,336	27,472
AR	30,213	30,379	30,543	30,227	30,401	30,700
DE	4,716	4,773	4,692	4,380	*4,714	4,628
FL	3,049	2,870	2,706	2,569	2,769	2,768
GA	31,800	32,003	31,669	31,574	*31,802	32,132
MD	8,951	8,990	8,962	8,885	*8,906	8,903
MS	18,534	18,292	*18,277	18,479	18,505	18,655
NC	18,460	18,112	18,460	18,340	17,901	18,764
PA	3,789	3,607	3,635	3,650	3,752	3,762
SC	4,863	4,787	4,864	4,866	4,982	4,835
TX	*13,830	13,808	13,826	*13,815	*13,849	13,699
VA	6,584	6,597	6,622	6,732	6,596	6,738
CA, TN, & WV	11,245	11,575	11,774	11,987	*11,115	11,267
15 State Total	*183,705	183,420	*183,432	*183,077	*182,628	184,323
Previous Year Total	177,209	175,023	176,655	177,048	177,315	177,709
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	105	104	103	103	104

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 10 1999	Apr 17 1999	Apr 24 1999	May 1 1999	May 8 1999	May 15 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,025	20,246	19,934	20,472	20,751	19,963
AR	23,223	24,774	22,443	25,160	23,420	24,533
DE	5,134	5,494	5,858	5,543	*4,969	5,195
FL	2,612	2,414	2,828	*2,652	*2,188	2,585
GA	24,783	25,699	25,865	25,265	*25,229	25,259
MD	6,304	6,060	6,306	5,442	*6,626	6,410
MS	14,623	15,148	15,250	15,481	15,046	14,996
NC	13,745	14,463	14,037	14,411	13,972	14,385
PA	2,741	2,641	2,715	2,752	*2,646	2,765
SC	4,124	3,237	3,624	3,366	4,676	4,199
TX	*10,627	*10,587	*10,653	*10,660	*10,845	10,626
VA	5,385	5,119	5,308	6,089	5,515	5,555
CA, TN, & WV	10,494	9,642	9,995	9,483	*10,296	10,354
15 State Total	*142,820	*145,524	*144,816	*146,776	*146,179	146,825
Previous Year Total	140,750	140,207	142,649	143,390	141,386	142,303
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	104	102	102	103	103

* Revised.