



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 184 million eggs during the week ending May 29, 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 146 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 29, 1999. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through May 29, 1999 were 3.03 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 24 1999	May 1 1999	May 8 1999	May 15 1999	May 22 1999	May 29 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,402	27,573	*27,560	27,472	27,438	27,513
AR	30,543	30,227	30,401	30,700	30,482	30,268
DE	4,692	4,380	4,714	4,628	4,626	4,611
FL	2,706	2,569	2,769	2,768	2,648	2,694
GA	31,669	31,574	*31,602	32,129	*31,876	31,967
MD	8,962	8,885	8,906	8,903	8,939	8,914
MS	18,277	18,479	18,505	18,655	18,539	18,797
NC	18,460	18,340	*17,965	18,764	18,298	18,703
PA	3,635	3,650	3,752	3,763	*3,481	3,612
SC	4,864	4,866	4,982	4,835	4,889	4,910
TX	13,826	13,815	13,849	13,699	13,360	13,582
VA	6,711	6,732	*6,655	6,738	6,547	6,670
CA, TN, & WV	*11,772	*11,985	11,115	*11,240	11,627	11,392
15 State Total	*183,519	*183,075	*182,775	*184,294	*182,750	183,633
Previous Year Total	176,655	177,048	177,315	177,709	177,208	178,086
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	103	103	104	103	103

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 24 1999	May 1 1999	May 8 1999	May 15 1999	May 22 1999	May 29 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,934	20,472	*20,267	19,887	20,886	19,997
AR	22,443	25,160	23,420	24,533	23,807	24,118
DE	5,858	5,543	4,969	5,195	4,427	4,780
FL	2,828	2,652	2,141	2,585	2,277	2,227
GA	25,865	25,265	25,229	25,442	*25,510	25,260
MD	6,306	5,442	6,626	6,410	*6,794	6,817
MS	15,250	15,481	15,046	14,996	15,286	15,229
NC	14,037	14,411	13,972	14,385	14,267	14,197
PA	2,715	2,752	2,646	2,773	*2,839	2,810
SC	3,624	3,366	4,676	4,199	3,925	3,747
TX	10,653	10,660	10,845	10,626	10,552	10,349
VA	5,308	6,089	5,515	5,555	5,815	5,400
CA, TN, & WV	*9,997	*9,485	10,296	*10,140	9,853	10,745
15 State Total	*144,818	*146,778	*145,648	*146,726	*146,238	145,676
Previous Year Total	142,649	143,390	141,386	142,303	142,389	142,724
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	103	103	103	102

* Revised.