



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 June 5, 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 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 5, 1999. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through June 5, 1999 were 3.18 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 1 1999	May 8 1999	May 15 1999	May 22 1999	May 29 1999	Jun 5 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,573	27,560	27,472	27,438	27,513	27,459
AR	30,227	30,401	*30,691	30,482	*30,812	30,716
DE	4,380	4,714	4,628	4,626	*4,615	4,629
FL	2,569	2,769	2,768	2,648	2,694	2,785
GA	31,574	31,602	32,129	31,876	*32,029	30,916
MD	8,885	8,906	8,903	8,939	*8,968	8,843
MS	18,479	18,505	18,655	18,539	18,797	18,597
NC	18,340	17,965	18,764	18,298	18,703	18,632
PA	3,650	3,752	3,763	3,481	*3,599	3,706
SC	4,866	4,982	4,835	4,889	4,910	4,887
TX	13,815	13,849	13,699	13,360	13,582	13,559
VA	6,732	6,655	6,738	6,547	6,670	6,572
CA, TN, & WV	11,985	11,115	11,240	11,627	*11,580	11,489
15 State Total	183,075	182,775	*184,285	182,750	*184,472	182,790
Previous Year Total	177,048	177,315	177,709	177,208	178,086	178,271
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	104	103	104	103

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 1 1999	May 8 1999	May 15 1999	May 22 1999	May 29 1999	Jun 5 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,472	20,267	19,887	20,886	19,997	20,469
AR	25,160	23,420	24,533	23,807	*24,554	25,290
DE	5,543	4,969	5,195	4,427	*5,222	5,355
FL	2,652	2,141	2,585	2,277	2,227	2,448
GA	25,265	25,229	25,442	25,510	*25,289	25,353
MD	5,442	6,626	6,410	6,794	*6,153	6,010
MS	15,481	15,046	14,996	15,286	15,229	14,745
NC	14,411	13,972	14,385	14,267	14,197	14,832
PA	2,752	2,646	2,773	2,839	*2,817	2,838
SC	3,366	4,676	4,199	3,925	3,747	3,926
TX	10,660	*10,844	*10,625	10,552	*10,438	10,471
VA	6,089	5,515	5,555	5,815	*5,655	5,557
CA, TN, & WV	9,485	10,296	10,140	9,853	*10,709	10,391
15 State Total	146,778	*145,647	*146,725	146,238	*146,234	147,685
Previous Year Total	143,390	141,386	142,303	142,389	142,724	142,644
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	103	103	102	104

* Revised.