



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 June 12, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 12, 1999. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through June 12, 1999 were 3.32 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 8 1999	May 15 1999	May 22 1999	May 29 1999	Jun 5 1999	Jun 12 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,560	27,472	*27,752	27,513	27,459	27,450
AR	30,401	30,691	*30,651	30,812	30,716	30,663
DE	4,714	4,628	4,626	4,615	4,629	4,194
FL	2,769	2,768	2,648	2,694	2,785	2,692
GA	31,602	32,129	31,876	32,029	*30,900	32,216
MD	8,906	8,903	8,939	8,968	*8,852	8,932
MS	18,505	18,655	18,539	18,797	18,597	18,443
NC	17,965	18,764	18,298	18,703	18,632	18,463
PA	3,752	3,763	3,481	*3,539	*3,849	4,018
SC	4,982	4,835	4,889	4,910	4,887	5,061
TX	13,849	13,699	*13,616	*13,568	13,559	13,497
VA	6,655	6,738	6,547	6,670	6,572	6,710
CA, TN, & WV	11,115	11,240	11,627	*11,579	*11,230	11,822
15 State Total	182,775	184,285	*183,489	*184,397	*182,667	184,161
Previous Year Total	177,315	177,709	177,208	178,086	178,271	179,155
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	104	104	102	103

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 8 1999	May 15 1999	May 22 1999	May 29 1999	Jun 5 1999	Jun 12 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,267	19,887	20,886	19,997	20,469	20,771
AR	23,420	24,533	23,807	24,554	25,290	24,597
DE	4,969	5,195	4,427	5,222	*5,398	6,011
FL	2,141	2,585	2,277	2,227	2,448	2,270
GA	25,229	25,442	25,510	25,289	25,353	25,829
MD	6,626	6,410	6,794	6,153	*5,972	5,526
MS	15,046	14,996	15,286	15,229	14,745	15,323
NC	13,972	14,385	14,267	14,197	14,832	14,214
PA	2,646	2,773	2,839	*2,820	*2,786	2,740
SC	4,676	4,199	3,925	3,747	3,926	3,516
TX	10,844	10,625	10,552	10,438	10,471	10,310
VA	5,515	5,555	5,815	5,655	5,557	5,386
CA, TN, & WV	10,296	10,140	*9,854	*10,712	*10,393	10,300
15 State Total	145,647	146,725	*146,239	*146,240	*147,640	146,793
Previous Year Total	141,386	142,303	142,389	142,724	142,644	142,699
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	103	102	104	103

* Revised.