



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 19, 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 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 19, 1999. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through June 19, 1999, were 3.47 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 15 1999	May 22 1999	May 29 1999	Jun 5 1999	Jun 12 1999	Jun 19 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,472	27,752	27,513	*27,623	27,450	27,625
AR	30,691	30,651	30,812	30,716	*30,737	29,934
DE	4,628	4,626	4,615	4,629	4,194	4,728
FL	2,768	2,648	2,694	2,785	2,692	2,813
GA	32,129	31,876	32,029	30,900	*32,170	32,171
MD	8,903	8,939	8,968	8,852	8,932	8,880
MS	18,655	18,539	18,797	18,597	18,443	18,259
NC	18,764	18,298	*18,811	*18,624	18,463	18,489
PA	3,763	3,481	3,539	3,849	*4,016	3,589
SC	4,835	4,889	4,910	4,887	5,061	4,960
TX	13,699	13,616	13,568	13,559	13,497	13,521
VA	6,738	6,547	6,670	6,572	6,710	6,564
CA, TN, & WV	11,240	11,627	11,579	11,230	*11,880	11,026
15 State Total	184,285	183,489	*184,505	*182,823	*184,245	182,559
Previous Year Total	177,709	177,208	178,086	178,271	179,155	177,738
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	104	103	103	103

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 15 1999	May 22 1999	May 29 1999	Jun 5 1999	Jun 12 1999	Jun 19 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,887	20,886	19,997	20,469	20,771	20,671
AR	24,533	23,807	24,554	25,290	24,597	25,796
DE	5,195	4,427	5,222	5,398	6,011	5,054
FL	2,585	2,277	2,227	2,448	2,270	2,328
GA	25,442	25,510	25,289	25,353	*25,781	26,338
MD	6,410	6,794	6,153	5,972	5,526	6,600
MS	14,996	15,286	15,229	14,745	15,323	15,564
NC	14,385	14,267	14,197	14,832	14,214	14,577
PA	2,773	2,839	2,820	2,786	*2,734	2,710
SC	4,199	3,925	3,747	3,926	*3,527	3,888
TX	10,625	10,552	10,438	10,471	10,310	10,403
VA	5,555	5,815	5,655	5,557	5,386	5,424
CA, TN, & WV	10,140	9,854	10,712	10,393	*10,296	9,853
15 State Total	146,725	146,239	146,240	147,640	*146,746	149,206
Previous Year Total	142,303	142,389	142,724	142,644	142,699	143,180
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	102	104	103	104

* Revised.