



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 180 million eggs during the week ending July 3, 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 July 3, 1999. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through July 3, 1999, were 3.77 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 29 1999	Jun 5 1999	Jun 12 1999	Jun 19 1999	Jun 26 1999	Jul 3 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,513	*27,645	*27,669	27,625	*26,804	27,837
AR	30,812	30,716	30,768	29,965	29,642	30,204
DE	4,615	4,629	*4,715	4,728	4,719	4,369
FL	2,694	2,785	*2,762	2,813	2,725	2,756
GA	32,029	*31,757	32,170	*32,106	31,203	31,629
MD	8,968	8,852	8,932	8,880	8,690	8,662
MS	18,797	18,597	18,443	18,259	*18,540	17,975
NC	18,811	18,624	*18,453	18,489	18,201	17,156
PA	3,539	3,849	4,016	3,594	*3,655	3,847
SC	4,910	4,887	5,061	4,960	4,599	4,770
TX	13,568	13,559	13,497	13,521	13,598	12,488
VA	6,670	6,572	6,710	6,564	6,613	6,577
CA, TN, & WV	11,579	*11,294	11,880	11,028	*11,755	11,521
15 State Total	184,505	*183,766	*185,076	*182,532	*180,744	179,791
Previous Year Total	178,086	178,271	179,155	177,738	176,908	172,086
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	103	103	103	102	104

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 29 1999	Jun 5 1999	Jun 12 1999	Jun 19 1999	Jun 26 1999	Jul 3 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,997	20,466	*20,798	*20,517	*20,013	20,818
AR	24,554	25,290	24,597	25,704	*25,072	24,101
DE	5,222	5,398	6,011	5,054	5,517	5,247
FL	2,227	2,448	2,270	2,328	2,636	2,352
GA	25,289	25,353	25,781	*26,328	*25,854	25,205
MD	6,153	5,972	5,526	6,603	6,185	5,892
MS	15,229	14,745	15,323	15,564	*15,271	15,302
NC	14,197	14,832	14,214	14,577	14,472	14,167
PA	2,820	2,786	2,734	2,713	*2,899	2,978
SC	3,747	3,926	3,527	3,888	4,333	4,335
TX	10,438	10,471	10,310	10,403	10,434	10,377
VA	5,655	5,557	5,386	5,424	5,482	5,791
CA, TN, & WV	10,712	10,393	10,296	9,849	*9,471	10,536
15 State Total	146,240	147,637	*146,773	*148,952	*147,639	147,101
Previous Year Total	142,724	142,644	142,699	143,180	143,578	143,351
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	104	103	104	103	103

* Revised.