



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 183 million eggs during the week ending July 17, 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 17, 1999. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through July 17, 1999, were 4.06 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 12 1999	Jun 19 1999	Jun 26 1999	Jul 3 1999	Jul 10 1999	Jul 17 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,669	27,620	*26,364	27,837	*26,045	27,667
AR	30,768	30,509	29,642	30,204	28,938	30,271
DE	4,715	4,728	4,719	4,369	4,673	4,611
FL	2,762	2,813	2,725	2,756	2,868	2,857
GA	32,170	31,906	31,203	31,607	*31,026	32,079
MD	8,932	8,880	8,693	8,667	8,806	8,756
MS	18,443	18,402	18,540	17,975	*18,301	18,221
NC	18,453	18,392	18,201	17,156	17,868	17,893
PA	4,016	3,594	3,655	*3,987	*3,754	3,884
SC	5,061	4,960	4,599	4,770	5,087	5,120
TX	13,497	13,521	13,598	12,488	13,656	13,197
VA	6,710	6,564	6,613	6,577	6,568	6,719
CA, TN, & WV	11,880	11,196	11,755	11,375	11,191	11,363
15 State Total	185,076	183,085	*180,307	*179,768	*178,781	182,638
Previous Year Total	179,155	177,738	176,908	172,086	174,784	176,107
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	102	104	102	104

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 12 1999	Jun 19 1999	Jun 26 1999	Jul 3 1999	Jul 10 1999	Jul 17 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,798	20,517	20,013	20,818	*20,829	20,068
AR	24,597	*25,552	25,072	24,146	24,544	24,386
DE	6,011	5,054	5,635	5,449	5,617	5,357
FL	2,270	2,328	2,636	2,352	2,513	2,294
GA	25,781	26,328	25,854	25,212	*25,086	24,809
MD	5,526	6,603	6,110	5,727	*5,730	5,913
MS	15,323	15,564	15,271	15,302	*15,445	15,144
NC	14,214	14,577	14,472	14,167	13,917	13,913
PA	2,734	2,713	2,899	*2,884	*2,785	2,881
SC	3,527	3,888	4,333	4,335	4,452	3,932
TX	10,309	10,402	10,434	10,377	10,516	10,566
VA	5,386	5,424	5,482	5,791	5,631	5,674
CA, TN, & WV	10,296	9,849	9,471	10,655	*9,882	10,319
15 State Total	146,772	*148,799	147,682	*147,215	*146,947	145,256
Previous Year Total	142,699	143,180	143,578	143,351	142,108	140,233
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	103	103	103	104

* Revised.