



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 182 million eggs during the week ending July 24, 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 24, 1999. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through July 24, 1999, were 4.20 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 19 1999	Jun 26 1999	Jul 3 1999	Jul 10 1999	Jul 17 1999	Jul 24 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,620	26,364	*27,644	26,045	27,667	27,803
AR	30,509	29,642	30,204	28,938	30,271	30,202
DE	4,728	4,719	4,369	4,673	4,611	4,647
FL	2,813	2,725	*2,716	2,868	2,857	2,792
GA	31,906	31,203	*31,315	31,026	*32,009	31,808
MD	8,880	8,693	8,667	8,806	8,756	8,215
MS	18,402	*18,298	17,975	18,301	18,221	18,228
NC	18,392	18,201	*17,241	17,868	17,893	18,211
PA	3,594	3,655	3,987	3,754	*3,876	3,843
SC	4,960	4,599	4,770	5,087	5,120	4,804
TX	13,521	*13,719	*12,684	13,656	*13,318	13,295
VA	6,564	6,613	6,577	6,568	6,719	6,414
CA, TN, & WV	11,196	11,755	11,375	11,191	11,363	11,649
15 State Total	183,085	*180,186	*179,524	178,781	*182,681	181,911
Previous Year Total	177,738	176,908	172,086	174,784	176,107	175,380
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	104	102	104	104

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 19 1999	Jun 26 1999	Jul 3 1999	Jul 10 1999	Jul 17 1999	Jul 24 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,517	20,013	20,818	20,829	*20,057	20,507
AR	25,552	25,072	24,146	24,544	24,386	24,127
DE	5,054	5,635	5,449	5,617	*4,770	4,485
FL	2,328	2,636	2,352	2,513	2,294	2,314
GA	26,328	25,854	25,212	25,086	*24,819	25,045
MD	6,603	6,110	5,727	5,730	*6,600	6,547
MS	15,564	15,271	15,302	15,445	15,144	14,339
NC	14,577	14,472	14,167	13,917	13,913	13,500
PA	2,713	2,899	2,884	2,785	*2,880	2,900
SC	3,888	4,333	4,335	4,452	3,932	3,776
TX	10,402	10,434	10,377	10,516	10,566	9,651
VA	5,424	5,482	5,791	5,631	*5,579	5,327
CA, TN, & WV	9,849	9,471	*10,585	9,882	*10,518	10,633
15 State Total	148,799	147,682	*147,145	146,947	*145,458	143,151
Previous Year Total	143,180	143,578	143,351	142,108	140,233	135,983
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	103	103	103	104	105

* Revised.