



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 179 million eggs during the week ending July 31, 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 81 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 142 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 31, 1999. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through July 31, 1999, were 4.34 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 26 1999	Jul 3 1999	Jul 10 1999	Jul 17 1999	Jul 24 1999	Jul 31 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,364	27,644	*26,726	27,667	27,803	27,563
AR	29,642	30,204	28,938	30,271	*30,168	29,721
DE	4,719	4,369	4,673	4,611	4,647	4,437
FL	2,725	2,716	2,868	2,857	2,792	2,715
GA	31,203	*31,379	*30,907	32,009	*31,854	31,532
MD	8,693	8,667	8,806	8,756	8,215	8,515
MS	18,298	17,975	18,301	18,221	18,228	18,362
NC	18,201	17,241	17,868	17,893	18,211	17,761
PA	3,655	3,987	3,754	3,876	*3,576	3,078
SC	4,599	4,770	5,087	5,120	4,804	4,823
TX	13,719	12,684	13,656	13,318	13,295	13,229
VA	6,613	6,577	6,568	6,719	6,414	6,597
CA, TN, & WV	11,755	11,375	11,191	11,363	11,649	10,802
15 State Total	180,186	*179,588	*179,343	182,681	*181,656	179,135
Previous Year Total	176,908	172,086	174,784	176,107	175,380	174,311
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	104	103	104	104	103

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 26 1999	Jul 3 1999	Jul 10 1999	Jul 17 1999	Jul 24 1999	Jul 31 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,013	20,818	20,829	20,057	20,507	18,746
AR	25,072	24,146	24,544	24,386	*24,166	22,543
DE	5,635	5,449	5,617	4,770	4,485	5,231
FL	2,636	2,352	2,513	2,294	2,314	2,537
GA	25,854	25,212	25,086	24,819	*25,058	24,389
MD	6,110	5,727	5,730	6,600	6,547	5,973
MS	15,271	15,302	15,445	15,144	14,339	15,106
NC	14,472	14,167	13,917	13,913	*13,666	13,750
PA	2,899	2,884	2,785	2,880	*3,020	2,885
SC	4,333	4,335	4,452	3,932	*3,642	3,710
TX	10,434	10,377	10,516	10,566	9,651	10,311
VA	5,482	5,791	5,631	5,579	5,327	5,437
CA, TN, & WV	9,471	10,585	9,882	10,518	10,633	11,081
15 State Total	147,682	147,145	146,947	145,458	*143,355	141,699
Previous Year Total	143,578	143,351	142,108	140,233	135,983	138,463
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	103	104	105	102

* Revised.