



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 179 million eggs during the week ending August 7, 1999. This was up 2 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 7, 1999. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through August 7, 1999, were 4.49 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 3 1999	Jul 10 1999	Jul 17 1999	Jul 24 1999	Jul 31 1999	Aug 7 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,644	26,726	27,667	27,803	27,563	27,576
AR	30,204	28,938	30,271	30,168	29,721	29,013
DE	4,369	4,673	4,611	4,647	4,437	4,483
FL	2,716	2,868	2,857	2,792	2,715	2,588
GA	31,379	30,907	*31,815	31,854	*31,652	31,119
MD	8,667	8,806	8,756	8,215	*8,502	8,683
MS	17,975	18,301	*18,463	18,228	18,362	18,195
NC	17,241	17,868	*17,864	18,211	17,761	17,717
PA	3,987	3,754	3,876	*3,571	*3,557	3,819
SC	4,770	*4,835	*4,868	4,804	4,823	4,610
TX	12,684	13,656	*13,333	13,295	13,229	13,345
VA	6,577	6,568	6,719	6,414	6,597	6,571
CA, TN, & WV	11,375	11,191	11,363	11,649	10,802	11,280
15 State Total	179,588	*179,091	*182,463	*181,651	*179,721	178,999
Previous Year Total	172,086	174,784	176,107	175,380	174,311	174,825
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	102	104	104	103	102

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 3 1999	Jul 10 1999	Jul 17 1999	Jul 24 1999	Jul 31 1999	Aug 7 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,818	20,829	20,057	20,507	18,746	20,165
AR	24,146	24,544	24,386	24,166	22,543	24,520
DE	5,449	5,617	4,770	*4,495	*5,135	5,350
FL	2,352	2,513	2,294	2,314	*2,551	2,532
GA	25,212	25,086	24,819	25,058	*24,511	25,783
MD	5,727	5,730	6,600	*6,521	*6,097	5,818
MS	15,302	15,445	15,144	14,339	15,106	15,334
NC	14,167	13,917	13,913	13,666	13,750	14,223
PA	2,884	2,785	2,880	*2,936	*2,886	2,967
SC	4,335	4,452	3,932	3,642	3,710	3,441
TX	10,377	*10,517	10,566	*9,652	*10,312	10,032
VA	5,791	5,631	5,579	5,327	*5,362	5,233
CA, TN, & WV	10,585	9,882	10,518	10,633	11,081	9,590
15 State Total	147,145	*146,948	145,458	*143,256	*141,790	144,988
Previous Year Total	143,351	142,108	140,233	135,983	138,463	139,031
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	104	105	102	104

* Revised.