



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 14, 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 14, 1999. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through August 14, 1999, were 4.63 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 10 1999	Jul 17 1999	Jul 24 1999	Jul 31 1999	Aug 7 1999	Aug 14 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,726	27,667	27,803	27,563	*27,732	27,734
AR	28,938	30,271	30,168	29,721	29,013	29,936
DE	4,673	4,611	4,647	4,437	4,483	4,428
FL	2,868	2,857	2,792	2,715	2,588	2,695
GA	30,907	31,815	31,854	31,652	*31,044	30,633
MD	8,806	8,756	8,215	8,502	*8,695	8,301
MS	18,301	18,463	18,228	18,362	18,195	18,275
NC	17,868	17,864	*18,036	17,761	17,717	17,645
PA	3,754	3,876	3,571	3,557	*3,635	3,501
SC	4,835	4,868	4,804	4,823	4,610	4,647
TX	13,656	13,333	13,295	13,229	13,345	13,348
VA	6,568	6,719	6,414	6,597	6,571	6,552
CA, TN, & WV	11,191	11,363	11,649	10,802	11,280	11,004
15 State Total	179,091	182,463	*181,476	179,721	*178,908	178,699
Previous Year Total	174,784	176,107	175,380	174,311	174,825	174,829
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	104	103	103	102	102

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 10 1999	Jul 17 1999	Jul 24 1999	Jul 31 1999	Aug 7 1999	Aug 14 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,829	20,057	20,507	18,746	20,165	20,011
AR	24,544	24,386	24,166	22,543	24,520	24,749
DE	5,617	4,770	4,495	5,135	*5,241	4,879
FL	2,513	2,294	2,314	2,551	2,532	2,568
GA	25,086	24,819	25,058	24,511	*25,784	25,647
MD	5,730	6,600	6,521	6,097	*5,899	5,667
MS	15,445	15,144	14,339	15,106	15,334	15,314
NC	13,917	13,913	13,666	13,750	14,223	14,057
PA	2,785	2,880	2,936	2,886	*2,780	2,645
SC	4,452	3,932	3,642	3,710	3,441	4,294
TX	10,517	10,566	9,652	10,312	10,032	10,094
VA	5,631	5,579	5,327	5,362	5,233	5,286
CA, TN, & WV	9,882	10,518	10,633	11,081	9,590	9,571
15 State Total	146,948	145,458	143,256	141,790	*144,774	144,782
Previous Year Total	142,108	140,233	135,983	138,463	139,031	139,885
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	105	102	104	104

* Revised.