



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 180 million eggs during the week ending August 28, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 28, 1999. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through August 28, 1999, were 4.92 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 24 1999	Jul 31 1999	Aug 7 1999	Aug 14 1999	Aug 21 1999	Aug 28 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,957	27,716	*27,613	27,446	27,467	27,543
AR	30,168	29,721	29,013	29,936	*29,735	30,053
DE	4,647	4,437	4,483	4,428	4,415	4,427
FL	2,792	2,715	2,588	2,695	2,744	2,704
GA	31,854	*31,592	*30,948	*30,892	*31,382	30,998
MD	8,215	8,502	8,695	8,301	8,461	7,908
MS	18,228	18,362	18,195	18,275	18,120	17,761
NC	18,036	17,754	17,717	17,645	18,001	17,824
PA	3,571	3,557	3,635	3,520	*3,942	3,712
SC	4,804	4,823	4,610	4,647	5,118	4,840
TX	13,302	13,236	13,345	13,348	13,699	13,463
VA	6,414	6,597	6,571	6,599	6,640	6,601
CA, TN, & WV	11,649	10,802	11,280	11,004	*11,409	11,697
15 State Total	181,637	*179,814	*178,693	*178,736	*181,133	179,531
Previous Year Total	175,380	174,311	174,825	174,829	176,002	175,967
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	103	102	102	103	102

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 24 1999	Jul 31 1999	Aug 7 1999	Aug 14 1999	Aug 21 1999	Aug 28 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,678	18,957	20,347	20,007	19,861	20,216
AR	24,166	22,543	24,520	24,749	*24,040	23,105
DE	4,495	5,135	5,241	4,879	4,920	5,688
FL	2,314	2,551	2,532	2,568	2,548	2,115
GA	25,058	24,511	25,784	*25,617	*25,217	23,501
MD	6,521	6,097	5,899	5,669	6,021	5,452
MS	14,339	15,106	15,334	15,314	15,056	14,976
NC	13,666	13,750	14,223	13,980	13,600	13,398
PA	2,936	2,886	2,780	2,602	*2,635	2,727
SC	3,642	3,710	3,441	4,294	4,176	4,268
TX	9,652	10,312	10,032	10,094	10,116	10,019
VA	5,327	5,362	5,233	5,303	5,235	5,315
CA, TN, & WV	10,633	11,081	9,590	9,668	9,018	9,851
15 State Total	143,427	142,001	144,956	*144,744	*142,443	140,631
Previous Year Total	135,983	138,463	139,031	139,885	137,633	138,416
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	103	104	103	103	102

* Revised.