



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 177 million eggs during the week ending September 4, 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 80 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 September 4, 1999. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through September 4, 1999, were 5.06 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 31 1999	Aug 7 1999	Aug 14 1999	Aug 21 1999	Aug 28 1999	Sep 4 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,716	27,613	*27,325	27,467	27,543	27,479
AR	29,721	*30,205	29,936	29,735	30,053	29,263
DE	4,437	4,483	4,428	4,415	4,427	4,460
FL	2,715	2,588	2,695	2,744	2,704	2,790
GA	31,592	30,948	*30,577	31,382	*31,035	30,265
MD	8,502	8,695	8,301	8,461	7,908	8,614
MS	18,362	18,195	18,275	18,120	17,761	18,242
NC	17,754	17,717	*17,885	18,001	17,824	16,651
PA	3,557	3,635	3,520	3,942	3,712	3,765
SC	4,823	4,610	4,647	5,118	4,840	4,618
TX	13,236	13,345	13,348	13,699	13,463	13,555
VA	6,597	6,571	6,599	6,640	6,601	5,788
CA, TN, & WV	10,802	11,280	*11,057	11,409	11,697	11,573
15 State Total	179,814	*179,885	*178,593	181,133	*179,568	177,063
Previous Year Total	174,311	174,825	174,829	176,002	175,967	173,366
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	102	103	102	102

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 31 1999	Aug 7 1999	Aug 14 1999	Aug 21 1999	Aug 28 1999	Sep 4 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	18,957	20,347	20,007	19,861	20,216	19,570
AR	22,543	24,520	24,749	24,040	23,105	23,247
DE	5,135	5,241	4,879	4,920	5,688	4,946
FL	2,551	2,532	2,568	2,548	2,115	2,122
GA	24,511	25,784	25,617	25,217	*23,508	23,644
MD	6,097	5,899	5,669	6,021	5,452	6,037
MS	15,106	15,334	15,314	15,056	14,976	14,910
NC	13,750	14,223	13,980	13,600	13,398	13,747
PA	2,886	2,780	2,602	2,635	2,727	2,715
SC	3,710	3,441	4,294	4,176	4,268	3,969
TX	10,312	*10,031	10,094	10,116	*10,018	9,985
VA	5,362	5,233	5,303	5,235	5,315	5,449
CA, TN, & WV	11,081	9,590	9,668	9,018	9,851	10,310
15 State Total	142,001	*144,955	144,744	142,443	*140,637	140,651
Previous Year Total	138,463	139,031	139,885	137,633	138,416	138,388
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	103	103	102	102

* Revised.