



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 174 million eggs during the week ending October 2, 1999. This was up slightly 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 133 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 2, 1999. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through October 2, 1999, were 5.61 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 28 1999	Sep 4 1999	Sep 11 1999	Sep 18 1999	Sep 25 1999	Oct 2 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,543	27,499	*23,833	27,499	26,693	27,368
AR	30,053	29,190	28,288	*29,032	*27,248	29,130
DE	4,427	4,445	4,157	3,804	4,101	4,136
FL	2,704	2,622	2,632	2,639	2,663	2,665
GA	31,035	30,252	29,002	29,832	*28,480	31,538
MD	7,775	8,089	7,481	7,698	7,354	7,591
MS	17,611	17,766	*16,740	*16,619	*16,197	17,618
NC	17,824	16,818	*16,648	16,466	17,456	16,452
PA	3,713	3,682	3,193	3,607	*3,486	3,261
SC	4,840	4,618	4,503	4,604	4,586	4,818
TX	13,460	13,552	*13,344	*13,174	*12,738	13,265
VA	6,601	5,788	6,080	5,626	6,123	5,619
CA, TN, & WV	11,743	11,151	*10,365	9,636	*10,364	10,620
15 State Total	179,329	175,472	*166,266	*170,236	*167,489	174,081
Previous Year Total	175,967	173,366	168,081	166,924	167,662	173,841
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	99	102	100	100

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 28 1999	Sep 4 1999	Sep 11 1999	Sep 18 1999	Sep 25 1999	Oct 2 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,197	19,570	19,341	19,745	19,478	17,275
AR	23,105	23,247	23,374	*24,138	*23,517	23,065
DE	5,688	5,110	5,245	4,458	5,298	4,525
FL	2,135	2,122	2,616	2,476	2,252	1,951
GA	23,508	23,594	24,344	24,340	*24,017	23,085
MD	5,455	5,638	5,654	5,636	*5,298	5,233
MS	14,976	14,910	14,553	13,974	14,828	13,055
NC	13,398	13,747	13,846	14,007	13,032	13,570
PA	2,719	2,719	2,753	2,834	*2,767	2,479
SC	4,268	3,969	3,245	3,371	*3,991	3,497
TX	10,018	*9,985	*10,194	*10,154	*10,909	9,886
VA	5,315	5,449	5,480	5,780	4,752	5,124
CA, TN, & WV	9,851	10,112	9,656	9,776	*9,747	9,931
15 State Total	140,633	*140,172	*140,301	*140,689	*139,886	132,676
Previous Year Total	138,416	138,388	139,912	138,700	136,415	132,286
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	100	101	103	100

* Revised.