



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 168 million eggs during the week ending October 9, 1999. This was down 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 133 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 9, 1999. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through October 9, 1999, were 5.74 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 4 1999	Sep 11 1999	Sep 18 1999	Sep 25 1999	Oct 2 1999	Oct 9 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,499	23,833	*27,043	26,693	27,368	24,378
AR	29,190	28,288	*29,037	27,248	29,130	28,245
DE	4,445	4,157	3,804	4,101	*4,322	4,040
FL	2,622	2,632	2,639	2,663	2,665	2,554
GA	30,252	29,002	*29,460	*28,404	*31,614	30,322
MD	8,089	7,481	7,698	7,354	*7,655	8,279
MS	17,766	16,740	16,619	16,197	17,618	17,353
NC	16,818	16,648	*16,404	17,456	16,452	15,836
PA	3,682	3,193	3,607	3,486	3,261	3,086
SC	4,618	4,503	4,604	4,586	4,818	4,593
TX	13,552	13,344	13,174	12,738	13,265	13,118
VA	5,788	6,080	5,626	6,123	5,619	5,702
CA, TN, & WV	11,151	10,365	*9,257	10,364	10,620	10,020
15 State Total	175,472	166,266	*168,972	*167,413	*174,407	167,526
Previous Year Total	173,366	168,081	166,924	167,662	173,841	170,494
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	99	101	100	100	98

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 4 1999	Sep 11 1999	Sep 18 1999	Sep 25 1999	Oct 2 1999	Oct 9 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,570	19,341	19,745	19,478	17,275	19,708
AR	23,247	23,374	24,138	23,517	23,065	21,970
DE	5,110	5,245	4,458	5,298	*4,511	3,889
FL	2,122	2,616	2,476	2,252	1,951	2,444
GA	23,594	24,344	24,340	*24,026	*23,097	23,239
MD	5,638	5,654	5,636	5,298	*5,318	6,029
MS	14,910	14,553	13,974	14,828	13,055	13,388
NC	13,747	13,846	14,007	13,032	*13,690	12,808
PA	2,719	2,753	2,834	2,767	2,479	2,658
SC	3,969	3,245	3,371	3,991	3,497	3,528
TX	9,985	10,194	10,154	10,909	9,886	10,342
VA	5,449	5,480	5,780	4,752	*5,170	4,470
CA, TN, & WV	10,112	9,656	9,776	9,747	9,931	8,270
15 State Total	140,172	140,301	140,689	*139,895	*132,925	132,743
Previous Year Total	138,388	139,912	138,700	136,415	132,286	130,951
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	101	103	100	101

* Revised.