



# 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 164 million eggs during the week ending October 16, 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 132 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 16, 1999. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through October 16, 1999, were 5.88 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 11 1999	Sep 18 1999	Sep 25 1999	Oct 2 1999	Oct 9 1999	Oct 16 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	23,833	27,043	*26,288	27,368	24,378	24,695
AR	28,288	29,037	*27,489	29,130	28,245	26,594
DE	4,157	3,804	4,101	4,322	4,040	4,153
FL	2,632	2,639	2,663	2,665	*2,553	2,021
GA	29,002	29,460	*28,008	*31,621	*30,135	28,465
MD	7,481	7,698	7,354	7,655	*8,240	8,189
MS	16,740	16,619	16,197	17,618	17,353	17,068
NC	16,648	16,404	17,456	16,452	15,836	16,448
PA	3,193	3,607	3,486	*3,282	*3,134	2,967
SC	4,503	4,604	4,586	4,818	4,593	4,656
TX	13,344	13,174	12,738	13,265	13,118	13,149
VA	6,080	5,626	6,123	5,619	5,702	5,778
CA, TN, & WV	10,365	9,257	10,364	10,620	*10,230	10,113
15 State Total	166,266	168,972	*166,853	*174,435	*167,557	164,296
Previous Year Total	168,081	166,924	167,662	173,841	170,494	167,294
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	101	100	100	98	98

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 11 1999	Sep 18 1999	Sep 25 1999	Oct 2 1999	Oct 9 1999	Oct 16 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,341	19,745	19,478	17,275	19,708	18,924
AR	23,374	24,138	23,517	23,065	21,970	23,150
DE	5,245	4,458	5,298	4,511	*3,962	4,907
FL	2,616	2,476	2,252	*1,944	*2,442	2,212
GA	24,344	24,340	24,026	*23,065	*23,623	21,933
MD	5,654	5,636	5,298	5,318	*5,794	5,136
MS	14,553	13,974	14,828	13,055	13,388	13,366
NC	13,846	14,007	13,032	13,690	12,808	13,687
PA	2,753	2,834	2,767	*2,527	*2,662	2,630
SC	3,245	3,371	3,991	3,497	3,528	3,286
TX	10,194	10,154	10,909	9,886	10,342	8,968
VA	5,480	5,780	4,752	5,170	4,470	4,867
CA, TN, & WV	9,656	9,776	9,747	9,931	*8,042	9,142
15 State Total	140,301	140,689	139,895	*132,934	*132,739	132,208
Previous Year Total	139,912	138,700	136,415	132,286	130,951	131,336
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	103	100	101	101

\* Revised.