



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 164 million eggs during the week ending October 23, 1999. This was down 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 139 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 23, 1999. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through October 23, 1999, were 6.01 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 18 1999	Sep 25 1999	Oct 2 1999	Oct 9 1999	Oct 16 1999	Oct 23 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,043	26,288	27,368	24,378	24,695	25,032
AR	29,037	27,489	29,130	*28,442	26,594	27,775
DE	3,804	4,101	4,322	4,040	*3,841	4,173
FL	2,639	2,663	2,665	2,553	2,021	2,705
GA	29,460	28,008	31,621	*30,095	*28,323	27,535
MD	*7,531	*7,279	7,655	8,240	*8,046	8,199
MS	16,619	16,197	17,618	17,353	17,068	16,046
NC	16,404	17,456	*16,580	15,836	16,448	16,345
PA	3,607	3,486	3,282	3,134	*3,012	3,234
SC	4,604	4,586	4,818	4,593	4,656	4,765
TX	13,174	12,738	*13,703	13,118	13,149	12,328
VA	5,626	6,123	5,619	5,702	5,778	6,028
CA, TN, & WV	9,257	10,364	10,620	10,230	*10,058	9,641
15 State Total	*168,805	*166,778	*175,001	*167,714	*163,689	163,806
Previous Year Total	166,924	167,662	173,841	170,494	167,294	164,280
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	99	101	98	98	100

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 18 1999	Sep 25 1999	Oct 2 1999	Oct 9 1999	Oct 16 1999	Oct 23 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,745	19,478	17,275	19,708	18,924	19,654
AR	24,138	23,517	23,065	*22,021	23,150	23,272
DE	4,458	5,298	4,511	3,962	*4,783	5,110
FL	2,476	2,252	1,944	2,442	2,212	2,408
GA	24,340	24,026	23,065	*23,609	*21,938	24,756
MD	5,636	5,298	*5,319	5,794	*5,098	5,128
MS	13,974	14,828	13,055	13,388	13,366	14,288
NC	14,007	13,032	13,690	12,808	13,687	12,881
PA	2,834	2,767	2,527	2,662	*2,635	2,640
SC	3,371	3,991	3,497	3,528	3,286	4,069
TX	10,154	10,909	9,886	10,342	8,968	10,662
VA	5,780	4,752	5,170	4,470	*4,882	4,261
CA, TN, & WV	9,776	9,747	9,931	8,042	*9,145	9,600
15 State Total	140,689	139,895	*132,935	*132,776	*132,074	138,729
Previous Year Total	138,700	136,415	132,286	130,951	131,336	137,998
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	103	100	101	101	101

\* Revised.