



# 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 171 million eggs during the week ending November 6, 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 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 131 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 6, 1999. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through November 6, 1999, were 6.28 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 2 1999	Oct 9 1999	Oct 16 1999	Oct 23 1999	Oct 30 1999	Nov 6 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	*27,541	*24,712	*24,574	*25,417	*25,693	26,223
AR	29,130	28,442	*27,373	27,775	*26,326	27,441
DE	4,322	4,040	3,842	4,180	*4,611	4,552
FL	2,665	2,553	*2,311	2,705	2,847	2,615
GA	31,621	29,934	*28,349	*27,526	*29,874	29,457
MD	7,655	8,240	8,046	8,022	8,752	8,477
MS	*18,041	*17,573	*16,978	*16,409	*16,167	16,328
NC	16,580	15,836	*16,071	16,345	17,504	17,457
PA	3,282	3,134	3,012	*3,257	*3,207	3,496
SC	4,818	4,593	4,656	4,765	4,878	4,618
TX	13,703	13,662	13,149	12,328	12,918	13,122
VA	5,619	5,702	5,778	6,028	5,382	6,345
CA, TN, & WV	10,620	10,230	10,058	9,641	10,639	11,165
15 State Total	*175,597	*168,651	*164,197	*164,398	*168,798	171,296
Previous Year Total	173,841	170,494	167,294	164,280	172,049	174,260
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	99	98	100	98	98

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 2 1999	Oct 9 1999	Oct 16 1999	Oct 23 1999	Oct 30 1999	Nov 6 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	17,275	19,708	*18,955	*19,779	*18,086	17,671
AR	23,065	22,021	22,488	22,842	*22,070	21,428
DE	4,511	3,962	4,803	5,206	*4,870	5,050
FL	1,944	2,442	2,212	2,408	2,110	2,233
GA	23,065	23,609	21,959	*24,954	*24,343	22,537
MD	5,319	5,794	5,098	*4,933	*5,432	5,135
MS	*13,385	*13,718	*13,696	*14,618	*14,062	13,731
NC	13,690	12,808	13,687	12,881	12,700	12,928
PA	2,527	2,662	2,635	*2,651	*2,463	2,340
SC	3,497	3,528	3,286	4,069	3,563	3,765
TX	9,888	10,343	9,694	10,663	10,657	10,383
VA	5,170	4,470	4,882	4,400	4,416	4,570
CA, TN, & WV	9,931	8,042	9,145	9,600	*8,645	8,809
15 State Total	*133,267	*133,107	*132,540	*139,004	*133,417	130,580
Previous Year Total	132,286	130,951	131,336	137,998	135,661	132,640
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	101	101	98	98

\* Revised.