



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 177 million eggs during the week ending November 13, 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 131 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 13, 1999. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through November 13, 1999, were 6.41 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 9 1999	Oct 16 1999	Oct 23 1999	Oct 30 1999	Nov 6 1999	Nov 13 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	24,712	24,574	*26,012	25,693	*26,377	27,820
AR	28,442	27,373	27,775	26,326	27,441	30,164
DE	4,040	3,842	4,180	4,611	*4,591	4,238
FL	2,553	2,311	2,705	2,847	2,615	2,623
GA	29,934	28,349	*27,539	29,874	*29,557	30,868
MD	8,240	8,046	8,022	8,752	8,477	8,552
MS	17,573	16,978	16,409	16,167	16,328	16,878
NC	15,836	16,071	*16,095	17,504	17,457	17,100
PA	3,134	3,012	3,257	3,207	*3,443	3,306
SC	4,593	4,656	4,765	4,878	4,618	5,040
TX	13,662	*13,144	*12,323	12,918	*13,117	13,034
VA	5,702	5,778	6,028	5,382	6,345	6,450
CA, TN, & WV	10,230	10,058	9,641	10,639	*11,191	11,274
15 State Total	168,651	*164,192	*164,751	168,798	*171,557	177,347
Previous Year Total	170,494	167,294	164,280	172,049	174,260	180,373
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	100	98	98	98

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 9 1999	Oct 16 1999	Oct 23 1999	Oct 30 1999	Nov 6 1999	Nov 13 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,708	18,955	19,779	18,086	*17,673	18,682
AR	22,021	22,488	22,842	22,070	21,428	22,593
DE	3,962	4,803	5,206	4,870	*4,996	4,896
FL	2,442	2,212	2,408	2,110	2,233	2,231
GA	23,609	21,959	24,954	24,343	*22,645	21,439
MD	5,794	5,098	4,933	5,432	*5,164	5,328
MS	13,718	13,696	14,618	14,062	13,731	13,293
NC	12,808	13,687	12,881	12,700	12,928	12,301
PA	2,662	2,635	2,651	2,463	*2,346	2,530
SC	3,528	3,286	4,069	3,563	3,765	3,752
TX	10,343	9,694	10,663	10,657	*10,379	9,634
VA	4,470	4,882	4,400	4,416	4,570	4,640
CA, TN, & WV	8,042	9,145	9,600	8,645	*8,734	9,535
15 State Total	133,107	132,540	139,004	133,417	*130,592	130,854
Previous Year Total	130,951	131,336	137,998	135,661	132,640	129,741
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	101	98	98	101

* Revised.