



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 20, 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 135 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 20, 1999. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through November 20, 1999, were 6.55 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 16 1999	Oct 23 1999	Oct 30 1999	Nov 6 1999	Nov 13 1999	Nov 20 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	24,574	26,012	*25,167	26,377	27,820	26,818
AR	27,373	*27,683	*27,026	*27,839	30,164	28,719
DE	3,842	4,180	4,611	*4,592	*4,233	4,358
FL	2,311	2,705	2,847	2,615	2,623	2,842
GA	28,349	27,539	29,874	29,557	*30,914	30,573
MD	8,046	8,022	8,752	*8,608	*8,888	8,590
MS	16,978	16,409	16,167	16,328	16,878	17,976
NC	16,071	16,095	*17,732	17,457	17,100	17,424
PA	3,012	3,257	3,207	*3,473	*3,352	3,701
SC	4,656	4,765	4,878	4,618	5,040	4,843
TX	13,144	12,323	12,918	13,117	13,034	13,116
VA	5,778	6,028	*5,623	6,345	*6,387	6,277
CA, TN, & WV	10,058	9,641	10,639	11,191	11,274	11,364
15 State Total	164,192	*164,659	*169,441	*172,117	*177,707	176,601
Previous Year Total	167,294	164,280	172,049	174,260	180,373	179,965
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	100	98	99	99	98

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 16 1999	Oct 23 1999	Oct 30 1999	Nov 6 1999	Nov 13 1999	Nov 20 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	18,955	19,779	18,086	17,673	18,682	18,649
AR	22,488	*22,671	22,070	*21,355	*22,379	21,396
DE	4,803	5,206	4,870	*4,666	*4,790	5,447
FL	2,212	2,408	2,110	2,233	2,231	2,365
GA	21,959	24,954	24,343	22,645	*21,427	24,007
MD	5,098	4,933	5,432	*5,244	*5,289	5,459
MS	13,696	14,618	14,062	13,731	13,293	13,332
NC	13,687	12,881	12,700	12,928	12,301	13,877
PA	2,635	2,651	2,463	*2,355	*2,512	2,622
SC	3,286	4,069	3,563	3,765	3,752	3,642
TX	9,694	10,663	10,657	10,379	9,634	10,302
VA	4,882	4,400	4,416	*4,789	*4,989	5,097
CA, TN, & WV	9,145	9,600	8,645	8,734	9,535	9,290
15 State Total	132,540	*138,833	133,417	*130,497	*130,814	135,485
Previous Year Total	131,336	137,998	135,661	132,640	129,741	135,777
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	98	98	101	100

* Revised.