



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 180 million eggs during the week ending November 27, 1999. This was up slightly 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 138 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 27, 1999. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through November 27, 1999, were 6.68 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 23 1999	Oct 30 1999	Nov 6 1999	Nov 13 1999	Nov 20 1999	Nov 27 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,012	25,167	*26,130	*27,615	26,818	28,169
AR	27,683	*26,837	27,839	30,164	*29,393	29,920
DE	4,180	4,611	4,592	4,233	4,358	4,330
FL	2,705	2,847	*2,745	2,623	2,842	2,849
GA	27,539	29,874	*29,338	30,914	*30,674	30,995
MD	8,022	8,752	8,608	8,888	8,590	8,784
MS	16,409	16,167	*16,570	16,878	17,976	17,925
NC	16,095	17,732	*17,817	17,100	17,424	17,738
PA	3,257	3,207	3,473	3,352	3,701	3,333
SC	4,765	4,878	4,618	5,040	4,843	4,969
TX	12,323	*12,913	*13,480	13,034	*13,479	13,554
VA	6,028	5,623	6,345	6,387	6,277	6,250
CA, TN, & WV	9,641	10,639	11,191	11,274	11,364	11,611
15 State Total	164,659	*169,247	*172,746	*177,502	*177,739	180,427
Previous Year Total	164,280	172,049	174,260	180,373	179,965	180,153
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	98	99	98	99	100

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 23 1999	Oct 30 1999	Nov 6 1999	Nov 13 1999	Nov 20 1999	Nov 27 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,779	18,086	17,673	18,682	*18,499	19,047
AR	22,671	22,070	21,355	22,379	*21,227	21,399
DE	5,206	4,870	4,666	4,790	5,447	5,688
FL	2,408	2,110	2,233	2,231	*2,406	2,349
GA	24,954	24,343	22,645	21,427	*23,787	23,718
MD	4,933	5,432	5,244	5,289	5,459	5,358
MS	14,618	14,062	13,731	13,293	13,332	13,983
NC	12,881	12,700	12,928	12,301	13,877	13,757
PA	2,651	2,463	2,355	2,512	2,622	2,818
SC	4,069	3,563	3,765	3,752	3,642	3,746
TX	10,663	10,657	10,379	9,634	*10,347	10,765
VA	4,400	4,416	4,789	4,989	5,097	5,395
CA, TN, & WV	9,600	8,645	8,734	*9,137	9,290	9,781
15 State Total	138,833	133,417	130,497	*130,416	*135,032	137,804
Previous Year Total	137,998	135,661	132,640	129,741	135,777	136,717
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	98	98	101	99	101

* Revised.