



Broiler Hatchery

Released December 8, 1999, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture. For information on "Broiler Hatchery" call Tom Kruchten at (202) 690-4870, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 179 million eggs during the week ending December 4, 1999. This was up 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 142 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 4, 1999. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through December 4, 1999, were 6.83 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

* * * * *

The next "Broiler Hatchery" report will be released at 3 p.m. ET on December 15, 1999.

Subscription Information

To subscribe to **NASS** reports or to order single copies, call toll free, **1-800-999-6779**. You may write: **ERS/NASS**, 5285 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, VA 22161.

All NASS reports are available free of charge on the worldwide Internet. For access, connect to the Internet and go to the NASS Home Page at: <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>.

Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 30 1999	Nov 6 1999	Nov 13 1999	Nov 20 1999	Nov 27 1999	Dec 4 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	25,167	26,130	*28,079	26,818	28,169	27,820
AR	26,837	27,839	30,164	29,393	29,920	29,683
DE	4,611	4,592	4,233	4,358	4,330	4,436
FL	2,847	2,745	*2,758	2,842	2,849	2,696
GA	*29,955	*29,371	*30,882	*30,584	*30,965	31,670
MD	8,752	8,608	8,888	8,590	8,784	8,652
MS	16,167	16,570	*17,090	17,976	*17,725	17,779
NC	17,732	17,817	*17,518	17,424	17,738	17,881
PA	3,207	3,473	3,352	3,701	*3,367	3,509
SC	4,878	4,618	5,040	4,843	4,969	4,661
TX	12,913	13,480	13,034	13,479	13,554	13,630
VA	5,623	6,345	6,387	6,277	6,250	6,335
CA, TN, & WV	10,639	11,191	11,274	11,364	*11,587	10,616
15 State Total	*169,328	*172,779	*178,699	*177,649	*180,207	179,368
Previous Year Total	172,049	174,260	180,373	179,965	180,153	175,890
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	99	99	100	102

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 30 1999	Nov 6 1999	Nov 13 1999	Nov 20 1999	Nov 27 1999	Dec 4 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	18,086	17,673	18,682	18,499	19,047	20,064
AR	22,070	21,355	22,379	21,227	21,399	23,148
DE	4,870	4,666	4,790	5,447	5,688	5,244
FL	2,110	2,233	2,231	2,406	2,349	2,687
GA	24,343	22,645	21,427	*23,779	*23,792	24,569
MD	5,432	5,244	5,289	5,459	5,358	5,722
MS	14,062	13,731	13,293	13,332	*13,996	13,894
NC	12,700	12,928	12,301	13,877	13,757	13,799
PA	2,463	2,355	2,512	2,622	*2,786	2,598
SC	3,563	3,765	3,752	3,642	3,746	3,752
TX	10,657	10,379	9,634	10,347	10,765	11,117
VA	4,416	4,789	4,989	5,097	5,395	5,477
CA, TN, & WV	8,645	8,734	9,137	9,290	9,781	10,253
15 State Total	133,417	130,497	130,416	*135,024	*137,859	142,324
Previous Year Total	135,661	132,640	129,741	135,777	136,717	142,295
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	101	99	101	100

* Revised.