



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 181 million eggs during the week ending December 11, 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 11, 1999. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through December 11, 1999, were 6.97 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 6 1999	Nov 13 1999	Nov 20 1999	Nov 27 1999	Dec 4 1999	Dec 11 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,130	*27,876	*26,968	28,169	*27,954	28,338
AR	27,839	30,164	29,393	29,920	29,683	30,315
DE	4,592	4,233	4,358	4,330	*4,456	4,326
FL	2,745	2,758	*2,802	2,849	2,696	2,615
GA	29,371	30,882	30,584	30,965	*31,639	31,136
MD	8,608	8,888	8,590	8,784	*8,683	8,583
MS	16,570	*17,390	*17,855	17,725	*17,898	18,203
NC	17,817	17,518	*17,446	17,738	17,881	17,443
PA	3,473	3,352	3,701	3,367	*3,520	3,718
SC	4,618	5,040	4,843	4,969	4,661	4,838
TX	13,480	13,034	13,479	13,554	13,630	13,686
VA	6,345	6,387	6,277	6,250	6,335	6,368
CA, TN, & WV	11,191	11,274	11,364	11,587	10,616	11,361
15 State Total	172,779	*178,796	*177,660	180,207	*179,652	180,930
Previous Year Total	174,260	180,373	179,965	180,153	175,890	180,668
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	100	102	100

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 6 1999	Nov 13 1999	Nov 20 1999	Nov 27 1999	Dec 4 1999	Dec 11 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	17,673	18,682	18,499	19,047	*19,976	19,792
AR	21,355	22,379	21,227	21,399	23,148	23,783
DE	4,666	4,790	5,447	5,688	*4,965	4,990
FL	2,233	2,231	2,406	2,349	2,687	2,559
GA	22,645	21,427	23,779	23,792	*24,770	24,152
MD	5,244	5,289	5,459	*5,361	*5,798	5,681
MS	13,731	13,293	13,332	13,996	*14,029	13,381
NC	12,928	12,301	13,877	13,757	13,799	13,774
PA	2,355	2,512	2,622	2,786	*2,637	2,827
SC	3,765	3,752	3,642	3,746	3,752	3,698
TX	10,379	9,634	10,347	10,765	11,117	10,776
VA	4,789	4,989	5,097	5,395	*5,681	5,254
CA, TN, & WV	8,734	9,137	9,290	9,781	*10,253	10,115
15 State Total	130,497	130,416	135,024	*137,862	*142,612	140,782
Previous Year Total	132,640	129,741	135,777	136,717	142,295	142,208
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	101	99	101	100	99

* Revised.