



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 December 25, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 144 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 25, 1999. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through December 25, 1999, were 7.26 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 20 1999	Nov 27 1999	Dec 4 1999	Dec 11 1999	Dec 18 1999	Dec 25 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,968	28,035	*27,970	28,338	28,275	28,211
AR	30,250	29,920	29,683	30,315	30,644	30,429
DE	4,358	4,330	4,456	4,326	4,088	4,328
FL	2,802	2,809	2,696	2,615	2,591	2,682
GA	30,584	30,965	31,639	31,129	31,565	31,283
MD	8,590	8,784	8,683	8,523	8,659	8,552
MS	17,855	18,167	*18,261	18,203	17,685	17,255
NC	17,446	17,789	17,881	17,443	17,931	17,682
PA	3,701	3,367	3,520	3,718	3,698	3,475
SC	4,843	4,969	4,661	4,836	4,980	4,962
TX	13,479	13,554	13,630	13,686	14,714	14,058
VA	6,277	6,250	6,335	6,368	6,404	6,400
CA, TN, & WV	11,364	11,587	10,616	11,361	*10,980	10,520
15 State Total	178,517	180,526	*180,031	180,861	*182,214	179,837
Previous Year Total	179,965	180,153	175,890	180,668	180,235	179,725
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	102	100	101	100

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 20 1999	Nov 27 1999	Dec 4 1999	Dec 11 1999	Dec 18 1999	Dec 25 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	18,499	19,047	19,976	19,792	20,669	20,986
AR	21,227	21,399	23,566	24,619	24,092	23,503
DE	5,447	5,688	4,965	5,096	4,887	5,181
FL	2,406	2,349	2,687	2,559	2,268	2,470
GA	23,779	23,792	24,770	24,217	*24,869	25,026
MD	5,459	5,361	5,800	5,761	6,403	6,169
MS	13,332	13,996	14,029	13,381	14,763	14,386
NC	13,877	13,757	13,799	13,623	14,067	13,613
PA	2,622	2,786	2,637	2,824	2,741	2,762
SC	3,642	3,746	3,752	3,851	3,791	4,070
TX	10,347	10,765	*10,699	10,776	10,830	10,769
VA	5,097	5,395	5,681	5,285	4,939	5,080
CA, TN, & WV	9,290	9,781	10,253	10,115	*10,635	9,534
15 State Total	135,024	137,862	*142,614	141,899	*144,954	143,549
Previous Year Total	135,777	136,717	142,295	142,208	143,605	139,166
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	101	100	100	101	103

* Revised.