

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 176 million eggs during the week ending January 30, 1999. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 81 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 140 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 30, 1999. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through January 30, 1999 were 568 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year ago.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 26 1998	Jan 2 1999	Jan 9 1999	Jan 16 1999	Jan 23 1999	Jan 30 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,983	26,855	26,074	25,933	*25,967	26,181
AR	29,951	*29,679	28,878	29,160	29,374	29,800
DE	4,421	4,243	4,202	4,028	3,963	4,250
FL	2,773	2,833	2,784	2,416	2,466	2,698
GA	32,258	31,580	31,338	31,525	*31,323	30,870
MD	8,613	8,873	8,767	8,833	8,652	8,414
MS	18,413	18,060	17,860	18,099	*17,832	17,834
NC	17,356	17,613	*17,836	17,506	*17,326	17,775
PA	3,565	3,636	3,718	3,808	3,602	3,644
SC	4,660	4,742	4,845	4,495	4,372	4,576
TX	13,515	13,181	13,169	13,086	13,101	12,799
VA	6,578	6,609	6,574	6,603	6,442	6,585
CA, TN, & WV	10,865	10,813	11,037	10,949	10,856	10,678
15 State Total	179,951	*178,717	*177,082	176,441	*175,276	176,104
Previous Year Total	170,459	171,775	172,482	172,022	170,241	168,706
Pct. of Prev. Year	106	104	103	103	103	104

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 26 1998	Jan 2 1999	Jan 9 1999	Jan 16 1999	Jan 23 1999	Jan 30 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,279	19,746	19,471	19,772	*18,588	19,272
AR	23,604	24,941	25,255	23,146	25,140	23,509
DE	4,710	5,057	4,955	4,592	*5,646	4,694
FL	2,558	2,112	2,217	2,481	2,598	2,435
GA	25,414	24,686	24,670	25,193	*25,687	24,811
MD	6,206	5,983	5,798	6,493	*5,341	6,026
MS	14,269	15,115	15,309	15,261	*15,088	14,779
NC	12,710	13,622	13,938	13,748	*13,334	13,347
PA	2,505	2,558	2,728	2,649	*2,757	2,797
SC	3,301	4,819	4,385	3,634	3,365	3,886
TX	10,476	10,378	10,410	10,356	10,053	9,958
VA	4,971	5,439	5,251	5,145	*5,465	5,449
CA, TN, & WV	9,026	10,137	9,569	*8,817	*8,913	9,383
15 State Total	139,029	144,593	143,956	*141,287	*141,975	140,346
Previous Year Total	137,523	137,757	136,343	136,027	138,486	137,023
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	105	106	104	103	102

* Revised.