Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 184 million eggs during the week ending March 6, 1999. This was up 5 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 6, 1999. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999 through March 6, 1999 were 1.28 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year ago.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

	Week Ending							
State	Jan 30 1999	Feb 6 1999	Feb 13 1999	Feb 20 1999	Feb 27 1999	Mar 6 1999		
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand		
AL	26,803	27,124	*26,915	26,270	*26,616	27,425		
AR	29,890	29,727	30,504	30,600	30,703	30,692		
DE	4,250	4,533	4,576	4,687	4,802	4,722		
FL	2,778	2,934	2,981	2,947	2,920	3,025		
GA	30,834	*31,169	*31,793	*31,222	*31,458	32,006		
MD	8,414	8,626	8,818	8,865	8,998	8,999		
MS	17,834	18,026	*18,083	17,990	17,666	18,267		
NC	17,775	17,652	17,715	17,894	17,847	18,420		
PA	3,421	3,629	3,591	3,857	3,913	3,690		
SC	4,576	4,955	*4,650	4,708	4,619	4,787		
TX	12,927	*13,163	*13,308	*13,478	*13,480	13,486		
VA	6,585	6,653	6,663	6,659	6,673	6,849		
CA, TN, & WV	10,678	10,202	10,827	11,791	11,552	11,330		
15 State Total	176,765	*178,393	*180,424	*180,968	*181,247	183,698		
Previous Year Total	168,706	170,408	174,355	174,508	176,161	175,704		
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	105	103	104	103	105		

^{*} Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

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	Week Ending									
State	Jan 30 1999	Feb 6 1999	Feb 13 1999	Feb 20 1999	Feb 27 1999	Mar 6 1999				
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand				
AL	19,909	19,188	19,125	20,130	*19,427	20,199				
AR	23,509	22,745	24,369	24,676	23,715	24,176				
DE	4,694	4,496	5,555	5,092	4,881	5,517				
FL	2,504	2,413	2,215	2,338	*2,460	2,604				
GA	24,818	24,472	24,344	*24,726	*25,284	24,718				
MD	6,029	6,473	4,987	5,903	5,890	5,848				
MS	14,779	14,856	14,090	14,668	15,150	15,111				
NC	13,347	13,243	13,558	13,616	*13,830	13,385				
PA	2,821	2,828	2,698	2,594	2,589	2,624				
SC	3,886	4,148	3,207	3,856	3,736	4,177				
TX	9,960	*10,066	*10,128	*10,032	*10,241	10,383				
VA	5,449	5,245	5,205	5,092	5,879	5,369				
CA, TN, & WV	9,383	9,484	10,150	9,036	9,500	9,280				
15 State Total	141,088	*139,657	*139,631	*141,759	*142,582	143,391				
Previous Year Total	137,023	137,696	136,804	134,827	137,647	140,209				
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	101	102	105	104	102				

^{*} Revised.