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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

| State | Week Ending |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan } 30 \\ 1999 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb } 6 \\ 1999 \end{gathered}$ | Feb 13 1999 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb } 20 \\ 1999 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb } 27 \\ 1999 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar } 6 \\ 1999 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | 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

| State | Week Ending |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan } 30 \\ 1999 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb } 6 \\ 1999 \end{gathered}$ | Feb 13 $1999$ | Feb 20 1999 | Feb 27 $1999$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar } 6 \\ 1999 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | 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 |

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