

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 183 million eggs during the week ending April 24, 1999. This was up 3 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 144 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 24, 1999. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999 through April 24, 1999 were 2.30 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year ago.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 20 1999	Mar 27 1999	Apr 3 1999	Apr 10 1999	Apr 17 1999	Apr 24 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,680	27,343	*27,604	27,671	27,627	27,395
AR	29,843	30,501	28,692	30,213	30,379	30,543
DE	4,807	4,522	4,784	4,716	4,773	4,692
FL	2,741	3,037	2,972	2,933	2,820	2,656
GA	31,511	31,976	31,895	31,800	*32,003	31,619
MD	8,991	8,932	8,965	8,951	*8,990	8,962
MS	18,237	18,196	18,283	18,534	18,292	17,611
NC	18,217	18,004	18,186	18,352	18,236	18,460
PA	3,878	3,364	3,773	*3,789	*3,607	3,604
SC	4,834	4,885	4,756	4,863	4,787	4,864
TX	13,898	13,859	13,847	13,831	13,808	13,826
VA	6,618	6,805	6,585	6,584	*6,597	6,622
CA, TN, & WV	11,464	11,477	11,536	11,245	*11,577	11,774
15 State Total	181,719	182,901	*181,878	*183,482	*183,496	182,628
Previous Year Total	174,228	175,287	176,489	177,209	175,023	176,655
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	103	104	105	103

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 20 1999	Mar 27 1999	Apr 3 1999	Apr 10 1999	Apr 17 1999	Apr 24 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,009	20,968	19,513	19,025	*20,246	19,946
AR	25,494	24,299	24,847	23,223	24,774	22,443
DE	4,929	4,590	5,598	5,134	*5,494	5,858
FL	2,617	2,319	2,493	2,612	*2,414	2,828
GA	25,787	25,203	24,965	24,783	*25,699	25,878
MD	6,644	6,893	6,129	6,304	*6,060	5,942
MS	14,821	15,413	15,293	14,623	15,148	15,250
NC	13,709	13,893	14,221	13,745	14,463	14,037
PA	2,839	2,801	2,777	*2,741	*2,641	2,705
SC	3,874	3,868	3,759	4,124	3,237	3,624
TX	10,426	10,688	10,736	10,626	10,586	10,650
VA	5,633	5,604	5,369	5,385	*5,119	5,308
CA, TN, & WV	9,310	9,702	10,544	10,494	*9,639	9,995
15 State Total	146,092	146,241	146,244	*142,819	*145,520	144,464
Previous Year Total	142,518	142,002	141,004	140,750	140,207	142,649
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	104	101	104	101

* Revised.