

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 May 22, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 146 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 22, 1999. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through May 22, 1999 were 2.88 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 17 1999	Apr 24 1999	May 1 1999	May 8 1999	May 15 1999	May 22 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,627	27,402	27,573	27,336	27,472	27,438
AR	30,379	30,543	30,227	30,401	30,700	30,482
DE	4,773	4,692	4,380	4,714	4,628	4,626
FL	2,870	2,706	2,569	2,769	2,768	2,648
GA	32,003	31,669	31,574	31,802	*32,129	31,924
MD	8,990	8,962	8,885	8,906	8,903	8,939
MS	18,292	18,277	18,479	18,505	18,655	18,539
NC	18,112	18,460	18,340	17,901	18,764	18,298
PA	3,607	3,635	3,650	3,752	*3,763	3,685
SC	4,787	4,864	4,866	4,982	4,835	4,889
TX	13,808	13,826	13,815	13,849	13,699	13,360
VA	6,597	*6,711	6,732	6,596	6,738	6,547
CA, TN, & WV	11,575	11,774	11,987	11,115	*11,239	11,627
15 State Total	183,420	*183,521	183,077	182,628	*184,293	183,002
Previous Year Total	175,023	176,655	177,048	177,315	177,709	177,208
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	104	103	103	104	103

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 17 1999	Apr 24 1999	May 1 1999	May 8 1999	May 15 1999	May 22 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,246	19,934	20,472	20,751	*19,887	20,886
AR	24,774	22,443	25,160	23,420	24,533	23,807
DE	5,494	5,858	5,543	4,969	5,195	4,427
FL	2,414	2,828	2,652	*2,141	2,585	2,277
GA	25,699	25,865	25,265	25,229	*25,442	25,502
MD	6,060	6,306	5,442	6,626	6,410	6,791
MS	15,148	15,250	15,481	15,046	14,996	15,286
NC	14,463	14,037	14,411	13,972	14,385	14,267
PA	2,641	2,715	2,752	2,646	*2,773	2,807
SC	3,237	3,624	3,366	4,676	4,199	3,925
TX	10,587	10,653	10,660	10,845	10,626	10,552
VA	5,119	5,308	6,089	5,515	5,555	5,815
CA, TN, & WV	9,642	9,995	9,483	10,296	*10,139	9,853
15 State Total	145,524	144,816	146,776	*146,132	*146,725	146,195
Previous Year Total	140,207	142,649	143,390	141,386	142,303	142,389
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	102	102	103	103	103

* Revised.