



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 181 million eggs during the week ending August 21, 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 81 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 21, 1999. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through August 21, 1999, were 4.78 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 17 1999	Jul 24 1999	Jul 31 1999	Aug 7 1999	Aug 14 1999	Aug 21 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	*27,849	*27,957	*27,716	27,732	*27,446	27,467
AR	30,271	30,168	29,721	29,013	29,936	29,886
DE	4,611	4,647	4,437	4,483	4,428	4,415
FL	2,857	2,792	2,715	2,588	2,695	2,744
GA	31,815	31,854	31,652	31,044	*30,955	31,450
MD	8,756	8,215	8,502	8,695	8,301	8,461
MS	18,463	18,228	18,362	18,195	18,275	18,120
NC	17,864	18,036	*17,754	17,717	17,645	18,001
PA	3,876	3,571	3,557	3,635	*3,520	3,896
SC	4,868	4,804	4,823	4,610	4,647	5,118
TX	*13,366	*13,302	*13,236	13,345	13,348	13,699
VA	6,719	6,414	6,597	6,571	*6,599	6,640
CA, TN, & WV	11,363	11,649	10,802	11,280	11,004	11,243
15 State Total	*182,678	*181,637	*179,874	178,908	*178,799	181,140
Previous Year Total	176,107	175,380	174,311	174,825	174,829	176,002
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	103	102	102	103

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 17 1999	Jul 24 1999	Jul 31 1999	Aug 7 1999	Aug 14 1999	Aug 21 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	*20,243	*20,678	*18,957	*20,347	*20,007	19,861
AR	24,386	24,166	22,543	24,520	24,749	24,173
DE	4,770	4,495	5,135	5,241	4,879	4,920
FL	2,294	2,314	2,551	2,532	2,568	2,548
GA	24,819	25,058	24,511	25,784	*25,610	25,319
MD	6,600	6,521	6,097	5,899	*5,669	6,021
MS	15,144	14,339	15,106	15,334	15,314	15,056
NC	13,913	13,666	13,750	14,223	*13,980	13,600
PA	2,880	2,936	2,886	2,780	*2,602	2,638
SC	3,932	3,642	3,710	3,441	4,294	4,176
TX	10,566	9,652	10,312	10,032	10,094	10,116
VA	5,579	5,327	5,362	5,233	*5,303	5,235
CA, TN, & WV	10,518	10,633	11,081	9,590	*9,668	9,018
15 State Total	*145,644	*143,427	*142,001	*144,956	*144,737	142,681
Previous Year Total	140,233	135,983	138,463	139,031	139,885	137,633
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	105	103	104	103	104

* Revised.