



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 170 million eggs during the week ending September 18, 1999. This was up 2 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 18, 1999. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through September 18, 1999, were 5.34 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 14 1999	Aug 21 1999	Aug 28 1999	Sep 4 1999	Sep 11 1999	Sep 18 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,172	*27,104	27,543	27,479	24,054	27,499
AR	29,936	29,735	30,053	29,190	28,288	28,699
DE	4,428	4,415	4,427	4,445	4,157	3,804
FL	2,695	2,744	2,704	2,790	*2,798	2,639
GA	30,577	31,382	31,035	30,252	*28,893	29,808
MD	8,301	8,461	*7,775	8,059	7,481	7,698
MS	18,275	17,980	*17,611	18,242	17,254	16,800
NC	17,885	18,001	17,824	16,695	16,571	16,385
PA	3,520	3,943	3,713	3,682	*3,193	3,610
SC	4,647	5,118	4,840	4,618	4,503	4,604
TX	13,348	13,696	*13,460	13,552	13,348	13,178
VA	6,599	6,640	6,601	5,788	6,080	5,626
CA, TN, & WV	11,064	11,409	11,743	11,530	10,604	9,474
15 State Total	178,447	*180,628	*179,329	176,322	*167,224	169,824
Previous Year Total	174,829	176,002	175,967	173,366	168,081	166,924
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	102	102	99	102

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 14 1999	Aug 21 1999	Aug 28 1999	Sep 4 1999	Sep 11 1999	Sep 18 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,007	19,861	20,197	19,570	19,341	19,745
AR	24,749	24,040	23,105	23,247	23,374	24,128
DE	4,879	4,920	5,688	5,110	5,245	4,458
FL	2,568	2,548	2,135	2,122	*2,616	2,476
GA	25,617	25,217	23,508	23,594	*24,249	24,352
MD	5,669	6,021	*5,455	5,638	*5,654	5,636
MS	15,314	15,056	14,976	14,910	14,553	13,974
NC	13,980	13,600	13,398	13,747	13,846	14,051
PA	2,602	2,629	2,719	2,719	*2,753	2,808
SC	4,294	4,176	4,268	3,969	3,245	3,371
TX	10,094	10,116	10,018	9,983	10,193	10,153
VA	5,303	5,235	5,315	5,449	5,480	5,780
CA, TN, & WV	9,668	9,018	9,851	10,112	9,656	9,918
15 State Total	144,744	142,437	*140,633	140,170	*140,205	140,850
Previous Year Total	139,885	137,633	138,416	138,388	139,912	138,700
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	102	101	100	102

* Revised.