



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 168 million eggs during the week ending October 30, 1999. This was down 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 Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 133 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 30, 1999. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through October 30, 1999, were 6.15 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 25 1999	Oct 2 1999	Oct 9 1999	Oct 16 1999	Oct 23 1999	Oct 30 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	26,288	27,368	*24,367	24,695	25,032	25,098
AR	27,489	29,130	28,442	*26,445	27,775	26,999
DE	4,101	4,322	4,040	*3,842	*4,180	4,559
FL	2,663	2,665	2,553	2,021	2,705	2,847
GA	*28,096	31,621	*29,934	*28,259	27,535	29,706
MD	7,279	7,655	8,240	8,046	*8,022	8,752
MS	16,197	17,618	*17,149	17,068	16,046	15,592
NC	17,456	16,580	15,836	16,448	16,345	17,504
PA	3,486	3,282	3,134	3,012	3,234	3,235
SC	4,586	4,818	4,593	4,656	4,765	4,878
TX	12,738	13,703	*13,662	13,149	12,328	12,918
VA	6,123	5,619	5,702	5,778	6,028	5,382
CA, TN, & WV	10,364	10,620	10,230	10,058	9,641	10,639
15 State Total	*166,866	175,001	*167,882	*163,477	*163,636	168,109
Previous Year Total	167,662	173,841	170,494	167,294	164,280	172,049
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	98	98	100	98

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 25 1999	Oct 2 1999	Oct 9 1999	Oct 16 1999	Oct 23 1999	Oct 30 1999
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	19,478	17,275	19,708	18,924	19,654	17,812
AR	23,517	23,065	22,021	*22,488	*22,842	22,048
DE	5,298	4,511	3,962	*4,803	*5,206	5,015
FL	2,252	1,944	2,442	2,212	2,408	2,110
GA	24,026	23,065	23,609	*21,959	*24,952	24,336
MD	5,298	5,319	5,794	5,098	*4,930	5,231
MS	14,828	13,055	13,388	13,366	14,288	13,731
NC	13,032	13,690	12,808	13,687	12,881	12,700
PA	2,767	2,527	2,662	2,635	2,640	2,456
SC	3,991	3,497	3,528	3,286	4,069	3,563
TX	10,909	*9,888	*10,343	*9,694	*10,663	10,657
VA	4,752	5,170	4,470	4,882	*4,400	4,416
CA, TN, & WV	9,747	9,931	8,042	9,145	9,600	9,391
15 State Total	139,895	*132,937	*132,777	*132,179	*138,533	133,466
Previous Year Total	136,415	132,286	130,951	131,336	137,998	135,661
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	100	101	101	100	98

* Revised.