



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 1 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 182 million eggs during the week ending December 18, 1999. This was up 1 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 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 18, 1999. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through December 18, 1999, were 7.11 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States**

| State               | Week Ending     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                     | Nov 13<br>1999  | Nov 20<br>1999  | Nov 27<br>1999  | Dec 4<br>1999   | Dec 11<br>1999  | Dec 18<br>1999  |
|                     | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL                  | 27,876          | 26,968          | *28,035         | 27,954          | 28,338          | 28,275          |
| AR                  | 30,164          | *30,250         | 29,920          | 29,683          | 30,315          | 30,644          |
| DE                  | 4,233           | 4,358           | 4,330           | 4,456           | 4,326           | 4,088           |
| FL                  | 2,758           | 2,802           | *2,809          | 2,696           | 2,615           | 2,591           |
| GA                  | 30,882          | 30,584          | 30,965          | 31,639          | *31,129         | 31,565          |
| MD                  | 8,888           | 8,590           | 8,784           | 8,683           | *8,523          | 8,659           |
| MS                  | 17,390          | 17,855          | *18,167         | 17,898          | 18,203          | 17,685          |
| NC                  | 17,518          | 17,446          | *17,789         | 17,881          | 17,443          | 17,931          |
| PA                  | 3,352           | 3,701           | 3,367           | 3,520           | 3,718           | 3,698           |
| SC                  | 5,040           | 4,843           | 4,969           | 4,661           | *4,836          | 4,980           |
| TX                  | 13,034          | 13,479          | 13,554          | 13,630          | 13,686          | 14,714          |
| VA                  | 6,387           | 6,277           | 6,250           | 6,335           | 6,368           | 6,404           |
| CA, TN, & WV        | 11,274          | 11,364          | 11,587          | 10,616          | 11,361          | 10,928          |
| 15 State Total      | 178,796         | *178,517        | *180,526        | 179,652         | *180,861        | 182,162         |
| Previous Year Total | 180,373         | 179,965         | 180,153         | 175,890         | 180,668         | 180,235         |
| Pct. of Prev. Year  | 99              | 99              | 100             | 102             | 100             | 101             |

\* Revised.

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States**

| State               | Week Ending     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                     | Nov 13<br>1999  | Nov 20<br>1999  | Nov 27<br>1999  | Dec 4<br>1999   | Dec 11<br>1999  | Dec 18<br>1999  |
|                     | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL                  | 18,682          | 18,499          | 19,047          | 19,976          | 19,792          | 20,669          |
| AR                  | 22,379          | 21,227          | 21,399          | *23,566         | *24,619         | 24,092          |
| DE                  | 4,790           | 5,447           | 5,688           | 4,965           | *5,096          | 4,887           |
| FL                  | 2,231           | 2,406           | 2,349           | 2,687           | 2,559           | 2,268           |
| GA                  | 21,427          | 23,779          | 23,792          | 24,770          | *24,217         | 24,749          |
| MD                  | 5,289           | 5,459           | 5,361           | *5,800          | *5,761          | 6,403           |
| MS                  | 13,293          | 13,332          | 13,996          | 14,029          | 13,381          | 14,763          |
| NC                  | 12,301          | 13,877          | 13,757          | 13,799          | *13,623         | 14,067          |
| PA                  | 2,512           | 2,622           | 2,786           | 2,637           | *2,824          | 2,741           |
| SC                  | 3,752           | 3,642           | 3,746           | 3,752           | *3,851          | 3,791           |
| TX                  | 9,634           | 10,347          | 10,765          | 11,117          | 10,776          | 10,830          |
| VA                  | 4,989           | 5,097           | 5,395           | 5,681           | *5,285          | 4,939           |
| CA, TN, & WV        | 9,137           | 9,290           | 9,781           | 10,253          | 10,115          | 10,745          |
| 15 State Total      | 130,416         | 135,024         | 137,862         | *143,032        | *141,899        | 144,944         |
| Previous Year Total | 129,741         | 135,777         | 136,717         | 142,295         | 142,208         | 143,605         |
| Pct. of Prev. Year  | 101             | 99              | 101             | 101             | 100             | 101             |

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