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Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 2 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during 1998 totaled 8.50 billion, an increase of 2 percent from 1997. This record level continues the trend of annual increases begun in 1975.

Leading breeders had intended placements of 82.9 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during 1998, an increase of 8 percent from 1997.

15-State Broiler Placements

Placements of broiler chicks in the 15-State weekly program totaled 7.23 billion during the 52 week period ending January 2, 1999. This total was 1 percent larger than the comparable period a year earlier.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 3 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during 1998 totaled 438 million, up 3 percent from 1997. Leading breeders had intended placements of 3.11 million egg-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during 1998, up 5 percent from 1997.

Poults Placed

Turkey hatcheries placed 298 million poults in the United States during 1998. This output was down 7 percent from 1997.

Hatchery Capacity

The capacity of chicken hatcheries on January 1, 1999, was 856 million eggs, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

The capacity of turkey hatcheries was 50.0 million on January 1, 1999, down 3 percent from January 1, 1998.

**Broiler-Type Chicks: Number Hatched by Month, Selected States
and United States, 1997**

State	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
AL	92,017	82,820	94,036	90,180	94,894	91,718	92,756
AR	108,459	99,189	109,957	105,461	108,185	106,379	106,429
DE	16,072	15,053	16,889	16,268	16,820	16,736	16,807
FL	9,908	9,149	10,507	8,964	9,367	9,263	9,515
GA	106,275	95,595	108,305	103,199	107,858	107,793	109,334
MD	31,866	27,194	31,734	30,768	31,733	30,323	31,279
MS	61,954	55,756	63,943	62,728	65,266	62,375	62,892
NC	61,009	55,020	64,632	60,912	63,423	61,609	62,098
PA	12,770	11,574	12,803	12,723	13,258	12,336	12,958
SC	15,850	14,026	15,699	14,867	15,615	15,405	15,587
TX	44,394	40,237	45,201	44,269	46,277	45,933	46,165
VA	23,807	21,309	24,261	23,831	24,700	23,443	24,224
CA, TN, WV	35,055	31,215	37,596	35,996	37,949	36,514	36,808
15 Sts ¹	619,436	558,137	635,563	610,166	635,345	619,827	626,852
OR & WA	6,018	5,233	5,974	6,013	6,626	5,848	6,190
Oth Sts ²	74,498	70,772	76,876	77,538	82,708	78,572	77,580
US 1997	699,952	634,142	718,413	693,717	724,679	704,247	710,622

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**Broiler-Type Chicks: Number Hatched by Month, Selected States
and United States, 1997 (continued)**

State	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
AL	93,944	90,327	89,398	83,830	92,538	1,088,458
AR	106,487	103,391	104,243	98,707	107,897	1,264,784
DE	16,141	15,207	15,117	14,591	15,718	191,419
FL	9,318	9,044	9,279	9,440	10,210	113,964
GA	107,987	104,403	103,618	95,685	105,891	1,255,943
MD	31,733	29,628	28,825	27,837	31,239	364,159
MS	60,829	59,411	61,095	57,879	62,068	736,196
NC	62,505	57,721	57,082	56,050	59,894	721,955
PA	13,153	12,682	12,791	11,697	12,800	151,545
SC	15,531	14,909	15,375	14,620	15,368	182,852
TX	44,575	42,959	43,078	41,141	45,767	529,996
VA	23,841	23,061	23,113	21,706	23,496	280,792
CA, TN, WV	36,151	35,209	34,078	35,263	38,935	430,769
15 Sts ¹	622,195	597,952	597,092	568,446	621,821	7,312,832
OR & WA	5,359	4,920	4,740	4,909	5,640	67,470
Oth Sts ²	81,018	81,284	81,353	74,786	84,347	941,332
US 1997	708,572	684,156	683,185	648,141	711,808	8,321,634

¹ States in the weekly hatchery estimating program.

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**Broiler-Type Chicks: Number Hatched by Month, Selected States
and United States, 1998**

State	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
AL	91,027	82,239	93,160	91,882	97,046	94,370	94,823
AR	106,893	95,896	108,407	104,470	107,749	104,539	104,738
DE	15,672	14,329	16,865	16,184	16,478	16,516	16,520
FL	9,544	8,902	10,016	9,776	10,184	9,149	8,754
GA	108,524	95,569	107,784	105,855	111,552	108,457	110,602
MD	31,137	27,576	32,067	30,854	32,229	31,083	31,342
MS	62,878	57,204	64,959	63,460	65,139	63,174	64,000
NC	60,048	54,133	64,196	61,740	63,157	60,990	62,387
PA	12,784	11,730	13,227	12,407	13,269	12,650	13,198
SC	14,805	13,227	15,069	14,493	15,460	14,606	15,588
TX	45,737	41,314	47,026	43,746	45,666	45,516	46,615
VA	23,454	21,063	24,366	23,737	24,826	23,729	24,245
CA, TN, WV	37,628	34,253	39,648	38,751	40,664	38,893	39,218
15 Sts ¹	620,131	557,435	636,790	617,355	643,419	623,672	632,030
Oth Sts ²	91,242	87,745	93,526	90,905	95,900	94,295	90,685
US 1998	711,373	645,180	730,316	708,260	739,319	717,967	722,715
US 1997	699,952	634,142	718,413	693,717	724,679	704,247	710,622
1998 as % of 1997	102	102	102	102	102	102	102

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**Broiler-Type Chicks: Number Hatched by Month, Selected States
and United States, 1998 (continued)**

State	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
AL	94,773	90,332	91,013	88,216	98,238	1,107,119
AR	101,117	99,684	102,425	99,044	108,872	1,243,834
DE	16,074	14,830	14,941	14,455	15,479	188,343
FL	8,922	8,577	9,213	9,148	9,966	112,151
GA	109,634	105,975	108,110	104,270	112,103	1,288,435
MD	31,872	30,826	30,951	28,674	31,384	369,995
MS	63,382	62,095	60,092	59,201	63,512	749,096
NC	62,642	58,009	56,147	57,688	61,333	722,470
PA	12,507	12,532	12,317	11,435	12,811	150,867
SC	14,998	14,811	15,715	15,139	16,173	180,084
TX	45,648	44,570	45,769	42,718	48,636	542,961
VA	24,228	22,691	22,295	21,520	23,822	279,976
CA, TN, WV	38,655	37,839	35,685	37,132	40,015	458,381
15 Sts ¹	624,452	602,771	604,673	588,640	642,344	7,393,712
Oth Sts ²	91,198	92,510	88,516	89,363	95,496	1,101,381
US 1998	715,650	695,281	693,189	678,003	737,840	8,495,093
US 1997	708,572	684,156	683,185	648,141	711,808	8,321,634
1998 as % of 1997	101	102	101	105	104	102

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**Broiler-Type Eggs in Incubators: First of Month
by Region and United States, 1997**

Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
North Atlantic	12,255	11,934	11,985	12,155
E North Central	7,316	7,178	7,998	8,021
W North Central	23,446	21,095	22,323	21,838
South Atlantic	226,126	222,739	231,252	226,127
South Central	290,488	290,595	297,652	296,654
West	22,706	22,217	23,200	22,532
US	582,337	575,758	594,410	587,327
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
North Atlantic	12,608	12,252	12,022	12,589
E North Central	8,187	7,346	6,881	7,476
W North Central	22,927	22,759	21,296	22,164
South Atlantic	229,421	232,482	229,213	229,161
South Central	299,789	302,683	297,868	298,366
West	23,493	22,772	22,806	21,783
US	596,425	600,294	590,086	591,539
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
North Atlantic	12,348	12,020	11,093	11,800
E North Central	6,779	6,926	6,879	7,352
W North Central	23,262	20,592	19,447	21,901
South Atlantic	227,007	214,900	208,751	225,839
South Central	301,813	292,349	282,266	303,436
West	21,644	18,757	20,891	22,970
US	592,853	565,544	549,327	593,298

**Broiler-Type Eggs in Incubators: First of Month
by Region and United States, 1998**

Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
North Atlantic	11,985	12,272	12,919	12,112
E North Central	6,985	7,334	8,963	7,880
W North Central	22,189	21,771	22,822	22,689
South Atlantic	225,570	223,568	230,478	230,885
South Central	304,200	304,067	310,127	309,239
West	21,336	21,710	22,625	23,863
US	592,265	590,722	607,934	606,668
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
North Atlantic	12,546	12,421	12,238	11,839
E North Central	8,918	9,509	7,987	8,533
W North Central	24,151	23,374	22,019	22,449
South Atlantic	232,982	233,478	233,341	232,187
South Central	307,975	311,736	308,936	304,445
West	23,995	23,954	24,536	24,071
US	610,567	614,472	609,057	603,524
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
North Atlantic	12,284	11,564	11,026	12,128
E North Central	8,407	8,273	8,280	8,414
W North Central	23,439	21,177	20,233	22,503
South Atlantic	230,817	221,970	222,066	235,462
South Central	307,809	299,457	294,339	315,681
West	24,453	21,418	22,828	24,295
US	607,209	583,859	578,772	618,483

Regions

North Atlantic = CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

E North Central = IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.

W North Central = IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD.

South Atlantic = DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV.

South Central = AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, TX.

West = AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

**Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed: 15 Selected Weekly States
and Total, October 1997 Thru January 3, 1998**

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 4	Oct 11	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1	Nov 8
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Eggs Set						
AL	25,600	23,812	24,195	22,508	23,518	25,115
AR	29,790	28,369	27,735	26,494	28,654	28,928
DE	4,298	4,229	3,533	4,198	4,488	4,449
FL	2,719	2,796	2,880	2,642	2,425	2,939
GA	30,269	28,914	26,729	27,470	27,773	27,852
MD	8,153	8,138	7,713	7,371	8,352	8,646
MS	16,714	17,056	16,940	15,826	16,103	16,891
NC	16,375	15,969	14,909	15,964	16,130	17,348
PA	3,448	3,438	3,321	3,198	3,370	3,575
SC	4,493	4,389	4,130	4,325	4,231	4,365
TX	12,108	12,095	11,360	11,048	11,523	12,454
VA	6,672	6,271	6,147	6,391	5,467	6,617
CA, TN & WV	10,024	9,647	9,486	9,870	10,627	10,352
Total	170,663	165,123	159,078	157,305	162,661	169,531
Chicks Placed						
AL	17,071	18,553	16,710	18,517	16,808	17,070
AR	22,772	23,521	23,301	24,025	22,479	21,797
DE	5,000	4,634	5,429	5,841	4,440	4,868
FL	2,800	2,863	2,502	2,461	2,523	2,757
GA	22,646	22,520	22,017	23,740	23,219	21,549
MD	4,934	5,798	5,042	4,927	6,381	4,754
MS	13,982	14,104	14,697	14,255	14,324	14,184
NC	12,357	12,030	12,659	12,711	12,369	11,676
PA	2,710	2,630	2,780	2,713	2,605	2,512
SC	3,635	3,202	3,079	4,051	4,220	3,942
TX	9,332	8,818	8,740	9,163	9,304	8,634
VA	4,815	4,628	5,001	5,118	4,618	4,812
CA, TN & WV	7,716	8,093	8,332	9,479	9,018	8,226
Total	129,770	131,394	130,289	137,001	132,308	126,781

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**Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed: 15 Selected Weekly States
and Total, October 1997 Thru January 3, 1998 (continued)**

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 15	Nov 22	Nov 29	Dec 6	Dec 13	Dec 20
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Eggs Set						
AL	25,605	25,791	25,840	25,324	25,301	24,976
AR	29,913	29,306	29,888	29,753	29,256	29,813
DE	4,271	4,536	4,542	4,429	4,141	4,623
FL	2,917	2,930	2,992	2,915	2,404	2,558
GA	28,770	29,451	29,936	29,527	30,247	30,037
MD	8,299	8,749	8,785	8,587	8,709	8,688
MS	17,499	16,584	17,490	17,233	17,145	17,385
NC	16,701	16,795	17,097	16,420	16,796	17,078
PA	3,494	3,685	3,502	3,583	3,681	3,574
SC	4,391	4,405	4,365	4,310	4,356	4,353
TX	12,485	12,395	12,313	12,391	12,323	12,247
VA	6,523	6,492	6,427	6,259	6,383	6,405
CA, TN & WV	11,093	10,688	11,028	10,666	10,070	9,931
Total	171,961	171,807	174,205	171,397	170,812	171,668
Chicks Placed						
AL	15,899	17,029	18,673	18,816	18,424	18,386
AR	21,177	23,493	23,975	24,068	23,648	25,810
DE	5,019	4,864	5,084	4,856	4,510	5,572
FL	2,701	2,009	2,277	2,690	2,764	2,746
GA	21,463	22,955	22,671	23,232	23,927	24,046
MD	5,042	5,640	5,604	5,776	6,534	5,557
MS	13,619	13,366	13,980	14,578	13,936	14,793
NC	12,568	12,610	13,570	13,177	13,167	13,074
PA	2,605	2,761	2,725	2,705	2,770	2,708
SC	3,672	3,129	3,531	3,580	3,210	3,489
TX	8,403	8,818	9,494	9,592	9,629	9,610
VA	4,593	4,548	5,648	5,035	5,436	5,508
CA, TN & WV	9,070	9,055	8,877	9,329	9,624	10,390
Total	125,831	130,277	136,109	137,434	137,579	141,689

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**Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed: 15 Selected Weekly
States and Total, October 1997 thru January 3, 1998 (continued)**

State	Week Ending		Fourteen Week Total
	Dec 27	Jan 3, 1998	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Eggs Set			
AL	25,452	24,960	347,997
AR	29,605	29,091	406,595
DE	4,339	4,461	60,537
FL	2,743	2,766	38,626
GA	30,314	30,288	407,577
MD	8,014	8,522	116,726
MS	17,358	17,315	237,539
NC	16,033	16,942	230,557
PA	3,679	3,504	49,052
SC	4,244	4,215	60,572
TX	12,386	12,404	169,532
VA	6,403	6,401	88,858
CA, TN & WV	9,889	10,887	144,258
Total	170,459	171,756	2,358,426
Chicks Placed			
AL	18,047	18,109	248,112
AR	25,097	23,804	328,967
DE	5,938	4,960	71,015
FL	2,798	2,297	36,188
GA	23,122	23,867	320,974
MD	5,310	6,186	77,485
MS	14,195	14,111	198,124
NC	12,200	12,856	177,024
PA	2,677	2,688	37,589
SC	4,156	4,103	50,999
TX	9,670	9,603	128,810
VA	4,997	5,142	69,899
CA, TN & WV	9,705	9,436	126,350
Total	137,912	137,162	1,871,536

**Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed: 15 Selected
Weekly States and Total, 1998**

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 10	Jan 17	Jan 24	Jan 31	Feb 7	Feb 14
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Eggs Set						
AL	25,364	24,932	25,192	25,338	25,377	25,351
AR	29,535	28,965	29,138	29,093	29,221	29,727
DE	4,278	4,336	4,289	4,502	4,502	4,575
FL	2,790	2,841	2,857	2,672	2,699	2,844
GA	30,254	29,726	29,620	29,169	29,195	29,823
MD	8,683	8,578	8,678	8,361	8,000	8,843
MS	17,073	17,724	17,229	16,973	17,379	17,581
NC	17,237	17,293	16,468	16,532	16,969	17,831
PA	3,480	3,738	3,680	3,530	3,575	3,727
SC	4,185	4,208	4,197	4,155	4,197	4,260
TX	12,386	12,409	12,358	12,068	12,426	12,369
VA	6,529	6,397	6,552	6,069	6,542	6,610
CA, TN & WV	10,688	10,875	10,134	10,130	10,295	11,150
Total	172,482	172,022	170,392	168,592	170,377	174,691
Chicks Placed						
AL	17,889	18,282	18,417	18,195	17,740	18,399
AR	23,402	23,665	24,425	23,060	23,658	23,818
DE	5,499	5,407	5,267	5,838	4,718	4,464
FL	2,452	2,624	2,482	2,779	2,907	2,551
GA	24,009	24,500	24,803	24,081	24,181	24,039
MD	6,021	5,334	5,805	5,106	6,188	6,394
MS	14,669	14,670	14,345	14,189	14,722	14,331
NC	13,032	12,338	13,016	13,358	13,580	12,605
PA	2,701	2,631	2,690	2,677	2,687	2,612
SC	3,905	3,840	3,262	3,156	2,974	3,519
TX	9,528	9,498	9,648	9,630	9,571	9,615
VA	4,834	4,879	5,384	5,353	5,166	5,199
CA, TN & WV	8,926	8,560	9,193	9,704	9,966	9,554
Total	136,867	136,228	138,737	137,126	138,058	137,100

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**Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed: 15 Selected
Weekly States and Total, 1998 (continued)**

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 21	Feb 28	Mar 7	Mar 14	Mar 21	Mar 28
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Eggs Set						
AL	25,949	26,014	25,715	25,451	26,002	26,310
AR	29,705	29,806	29,663	29,640	29,147	29,272
DE	4,638	4,643	4,694	4,566	4,529	4,677
FL	2,800	2,862	2,845	2,698	2,868	2,838
GA	29,702	29,948	29,860	30,289	29,918	30,356
MD	8,614	8,905	8,588	8,775	8,733	8,878
MS	17,799	17,783	17,727	17,889	17,952	17,824
NC	17,629	17,677	17,984	18,034	17,487	17,335
PA	3,715	3,797	3,733	3,734	3,420	3,690
SC	4,379	4,301	4,224	4,233	4,234	4,224
TX	12,523	13,140	13,052	12,811	12,400	12,326
VA	6,630	6,658	6,639	6,573	6,664	6,636
CA, TN & WV	10,425	10,627	10,980	10,577	10,874	10,921
Total	174,508	176,161	175,704	175,270	174,228	175,287
Chicks Placed						
AL	17,897	17,889	18,278	19,153	19,139	18,302
AR	23,140	25,042	24,599	23,459	24,999	24,236
DE	5,229	5,257	4,957	5,695	5,770	4,965
FL	2,614	2,786	2,866	2,581	2,751	2,790
GA	23,412	23,098	24,040	23,474	24,016	24,282
MD	5,535	5,390	6,544	5,789	6,013	6,509
MS	14,134	14,483	14,594	14,938	14,976	14,977
NC	12,790	12,986	13,678	13,298	13,409	13,528
PA	2,685	2,713	2,710	2,754	2,749	2,753
SC	3,576	4,015	3,906	4,017	3,628	3,626
TX	9,455	9,691	9,602	9,766	10,180	10,020
VA	4,762	5,255	5,154	5,449	5,578	5,531
CA, TN & WV	9,625	9,243	9,850	9,120	9,310	10,483
Total	134,854	137,848	140,778	139,493	142,518	142,002

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**Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed: 15 Selected
Weekly States and Total, 1998 (continued)**

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 4	Apr 11	Apr 18	Apr 25	May 2	May 9
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Eggs Set						
AL	26,666	26,748	26,245	26,414	26,815	26,842
AR	29,766	30,013	28,772	29,228	29,498	29,953
DE	4,563	4,462	4,402	4,389	4,670	4,604
FL	2,887	2,853	2,888	2,914	2,869	2,877
GA	30,359	30,643	30,479	30,919	30,994	30,979
MD	8,884	8,779	8,716	8,888	8,835	8,752
MS	17,843	18,001	17,654	17,745	17,552	17,768
NC	17,643	17,773	17,781	17,374	17,235	17,181
PA	3,564	3,608	3,783	3,798	3,697	3,741
SC	4,302	4,286	4,399	4,379	4,393	4,313
TX	12,320	12,301	12,444	12,761	12,493	12,482
VA	6,602	6,649	6,659	6,772	6,773	6,659
CA, TN & WV	11,090	11,093	10,801	11,074	11,224	11,164
Total	176,489	177,209	175,023	176,655	177,048	177,315
Chicks Placed						
AL	18,534	18,319	18,982	19,037	19,664	19,411
AR	23,685	23,580	23,702	24,635	24,666	23,685
DE	5,896	4,602	5,381	5,613	5,417	4,953
FL	2,359	2,758	2,619	2,697	2,692	3,079
GA	24,791	24,748	24,472	24,563	24,716	23,677
MD	5,628	6,374	5,940	5,818	6,038	6,475
MS	15,020	15,534	14,723	15,062	15,191	14,319
NC	14,350	13,779	13,628	13,365	13,658	13,633
PA	2,853	2,642	2,794	2,753	2,766	2,659
SC	3,039	3,282	3,441	3,892	3,874	4,778
TX	9,720	9,282	9,299	9,520	9,505	9,467
VA	5,288	5,602	5,357	5,605	5,215	5,437
CA, TN & WV	9,841	10,248	9,869	10,089	9,988	9,813
Total	141,004	140,750	140,207	142,649	143,390	141,386

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**Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed: 15 Selected
Weekly States and Total, 1998 (continued)**

State	Week Ending					
	May 16	May 23	May 30	Jun 6	Jun 13	Jun 20
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Eggs Set						
AL	26,717	26,872	26,853	26,728	26,804	26,746
AR	29,598	29,410	29,731	29,699	29,406	29,305
DE	4,591	4,726	4,722	4,725	4,744	4,560
FL	2,938	2,685	2,573	2,567	2,546	2,509
GA	31,345	30,970	31,268	31,260	31,519	31,192
MD	8,937	8,814	8,784	8,805	8,915	8,705
MS	17,807	17,946	18,031	17,990	17,999	17,794
NC	17,342	17,223	17,462	17,591	18,045	17,536
PA	3,708	3,723	3,674	3,709	3,639	3,757
SC	4,277	4,322	4,310	4,329	4,546	4,600
TX	12,801	13,021	12,935	13,008	12,947	13,354
VA	6,643	6,627	6,654	6,678	6,842	6,637
CA, TN & WV	11,005	10,869	11,089	11,182	11,203	11,043
Total	177,709	177,208	178,086	178,271	179,155	177,738
Chicks Placed						
AL	19,116	19,619	19,180	19,511	19,358	19,542
AR	23,404	23,833	24,240	23,952	23,963	24,536
DE	5,524	5,559	5,320	5,634	4,933	4,521
FL	2,699	2,493	2,795	2,566	2,417	2,154
GA	24,784	25,087	25,556	25,341	25,545	25,154
MD	6,121	6,007	5,806	5,505	6,438	6,770
MS	14,912	14,997	14,816	14,703	15,100	15,146
NC	13,289	13,081	13,357	13,736	13,688	13,638
PA	2,829	2,804	2,901	2,877	2,725	2,703
SC	3,589	3,713	3,291	3,350	3,479	3,476
TX	9,773	9,673	9,570	9,871	9,945	9,952
VA	5,922	5,294	5,500	5,419	5,388	5,471
CA, TN & WV	10,341	10,229	10,392	10,179	9,720	10,117
Total	142,303	142,389	142,724	142,644	142,699	143,180

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**Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed: 15 Selected
Weekly States and Total, 1998 (continued)**

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 27	Jul 4	Jul 11	Jul 18	Jul 25	Aug 1
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Eggs Set						
AL	25,826	25,605	26,560	26,615	26,357	26,349
AR	28,993	28,955	27,744	28,770	28,338	28,225
DE	4,783	4,439	4,500	4,432	4,554	4,460
FL	2,434	2,517	2,450	2,550	2,480	2,474
GA	31,307	30,824	30,664	31,283	31,059	30,941
MD	8,757	8,056	8,574	8,538	8,720	8,826
MS	17,911	17,807	17,956	17,807	17,872	17,776
NC	17,879	16,314	17,555	17,460	17,728	17,535
PA	3,683	3,636	3,819	3,626	3,681	3,666
SC	4,577	4,468	4,216	4,272	4,378	4,277
TX	13,271	12,380	13,142	13,281	12,858	12,792
VA	6,649	6,615	6,642	6,635	6,648	6,637
CA, TN & WV	10,838	10,470	10,962	10,838	10,707	10,353
Total	176,908	172,086	174,784	176,107	175,380	174,311
Chicks Placed						
AL	19,456	19,622	19,492	18,471	18,019	19,670
AR	24,684	23,708	23,869	22,673	23,217	22,297
DE	6,076	5,532	5,176	5,743	5,795	5,409
FL	2,384	2,428	2,381	2,274	2,597	2,480
GA	24,521	24,394	24,553	24,886	24,444	24,082
MD	5,447	6,243	6,217	5,931	4,783	5,679
MS	14,910	14,871	14,630	14,400	14,243	14,319
NC	13,731	13,658	13,530	13,561	12,739	13,716
PA	2,728	2,761	2,883	2,831	2,578	2,745
SC	3,994	4,604	3,582	4,131	3,121	3,513
TX	9,880	9,774	10,037	9,924	9,224	9,985
VA	5,201	5,585	5,266	5,364	5,319	5,329
CA, TN & WV	10,566	10,171	10,492	10,044	9,904	9,239
Total	143,578	143,351	142,108	140,233	135,983	138,463

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**Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed: 15 Selected
Weekly States and Total, 1998 (continued)**

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 8	Aug 15	Aug 22	Aug 29	Sep 5	Sep 12
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Eggs Set						
AL	26,111	26,295	25,975	26,089	26,338	24,311
AR	28,522	28,585	28,643	29,126	28,822	28,119
DE	4,299	4,229	4,164	4,322	4,203	4,009
FL	2,592	2,612	2,565	2,530	2,373	2,502
GA	30,879	31,044	31,603	31,242	30,914	30,196
MD	8,837	8,895	8,866	8,901	8,668	8,624
MS	17,720	17,450	18,132	18,119	18,023	17,634
NC	17,502	17,132	17,268	17,108	16,010	15,817
PA	3,562	3,748	3,625	3,605	3,929	3,479
SC	4,354	4,405	4,453	4,324	4,452	4,409
TX	12,730	12,818	13,038	12,923	12,577	12,547
VA	6,606	6,632	6,583	6,537	6,237	6,248
CA, TN & WV	11,111	10,984	11,087	11,141	10,820	10,186
Total	174,825	174,829	176,002	175,967	173,366	168,081
Chicks Placed						
AL	19,350	19,588	19,801	18,625	19,109	19,001
AR	22,218	23,490	22,548	22,816	22,592	23,096
DE	4,633	4,642	4,724	5,249	5,198	5,082
FL	2,476	2,451	2,302	2,495	2,568	2,230
GA	25,216	24,657	23,578	24,253	24,045	25,108
MD	6,180	6,540	6,532	6,218	6,209	5,997
MS	14,412	14,361	14,437	14,111	14,175	14,244
NC	13,562	13,712	13,487	13,186	13,428	13,450
PA	2,600	2,601	2,613	2,496	2,729	2,613
SC	3,336	3,287	4,008	3,827	4,047	3,996
TX	9,889	9,646	9,497	9,415	9,600	9,924
VA	5,620	5,408	5,280	5,134	5,274	5,395
CA, TN & WV	9,539	9,502	8,826	10,591	9,414	9,776
Total	139,031	139,885	137,633	138,416	138,388	139,912

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**Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed: 15 Selected
Weekly States and Total, 1998 (continued)**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 19	Sep 26	Oct 3	Oct 10	Oct 17	Oct 24
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Eggs Set						
AL	26,234	26,161	26,093	24,590	24,568	25,032
AR	28,468	27,763	29,312	28,466	28,087	27,567
DE	3,837	4,344	4,378	4,095	4,098	4,068
FL	2,546	2,792	2,736	2,510	2,461	2,826
GA	30,386	29,566	31,368	31,151	30,865	28,924
MD	8,515	8,714	8,587	8,725	7,697	7,806
MS	16,055	16,360	16,831	17,624	16,423	16,593
NC	15,215	15,536	16,081	15,992	15,659	15,887
PA	3,491	3,788	3,556	3,607	3,274	3,200
SC	4,470	4,444	4,585	4,498	4,548	4,276
TX	12,609	11,988	13,278	12,850	12,314	11,509
VA	5,989	6,012	6,588	6,104	6,172	6,039
CA, TN & WV	9,109	10,194	10,448	10,282	11,128	10,553
Total	166,924	167,662	173,841	170,494	167,294	164,280
Chicks Placed						
AL	18,940	19,976	18,574	18,729	18,247	18,310
AR	22,695	22,806	21,639	23,005	22,084	23,586
DE	5,194	5,546	5,756	4,535	4,517	4,980
FL	2,441	1,835	1,771	2,307	2,629	2,574
GA	24,797	24,685	23,971	23,612	23,464	24,569
MD	6,326	5,227	4,834	5,361	6,334	6,110
MS	14,537	14,728	14,114	13,191	13,530	13,871
NC	13,051	12,557	12,466	11,825	12,074	12,635
PA	2,724	2,692	2,438	2,346	2,576	2,629
SC	3,114	3,033	3,671	3,798	3,051	3,878
TX	9,882	9,652	9,681	9,332	9,344	10,217
VA	5,285	5,009	4,883	4,914	4,608	5,042
CA, TN & WV	9,714	8,669	8,488	7,996	8,878	9,597
Total	138,700	136,415	132,286	130,951	131,336	137,998

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**Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed: 15 Selected
Weekly States and Total, 1998 (continued)**

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 31	Nov 7	Nov 14	Nov 21	Nov 28	Dec 5
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Eggs Set						
AL	25,750	25,378	27,400	27,467	27,323	26,952
AR	28,319	28,764	30,068	30,053	29,687	29,914
DE	4,610	4,167	4,182	4,571	4,601	4,002
FL	2,749	2,866	2,861	2,858	2,873	2,850
GA	30,746	31,156	31,914	31,758	31,810	31,280
MD	8,442	8,893	8,621	8,687	8,903	8,775
MS	17,714	16,984	17,933	17,765	17,575	17,751
NC	17,257	17,940	17,277	17,473	17,311	16,599
PA	3,502	3,361	3,854	3,778	3,664	3,443
SC	4,553	4,653	4,790	4,794	4,860	4,352
TX	11,744	12,750	13,452	12,831	13,376	13,419
VA	6,053	6,233	6,660	6,623	6,609	6,407
CA, TN & WV	10,610	11,115	11,361	11,307	11,561	10,146
Total	172,049	174,260	180,373	179,965	180,153	175,890
Chicks Placed						
AL	17,637	17,627	18,219	19,333	18,824	20,477
AR	23,336	22,449	21,720	22,115	22,410	24,145
DE	4,633	4,388	4,976	4,780	4,793	5,650
FL	2,273	2,085	2,446	2,956	2,279	2,249
GA	24,417	23,411	22,562	23,843	25,504	24,743
MD	6,070	5,525	5,204	6,176	6,338	5,051
MS	14,372	13,215	13,750	14,489	13,800	14,692
NC	12,433	12,496	12,554	13,462	13,478	12,871
PA	2,570	2,266	2,380	2,748	2,506	2,755
SC	3,773	5,304	3,796	3,114	3,326	4,055
TX	9,841	9,457	8,868	9,107	9,628	10,341
VA	5,070	4,570	4,683	5,016	4,891	5,461
CA, TN & WV	9,236	9,847	8,583	8,638	8,940	9,805
Total	135,661	132,640	129,741	135,777	136,717	142,295

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**Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed: 15 Selected
Weekly States and Total, 1998 (continued)**

State	Week Ending				52 Week Total	
	Dec 12	Dec 19	Dec 26	Jan 2	1998 ¹	1997 ²
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Eggs Set						
AL	27,230	27,294	26,983	26,855	1,361,186	1,323,716
AR	30,232	29,919	29,725	29,679	1,516,156	1,530,661
DE	4,160	4,555	4,421	4,243	230,113	232,330
FL	2,748	2,860	2,773	2,833	140,941	139,901
GA	31,793	31,583	32,258	31,580	1,599,881	1,539,238
MD	8,929	8,252	8,613	8,873	450,744	444,251
MS	17,892	18,303	18,413	18,060	917,546	891,776
NC	17,708	17,322	17,356	17,613	892,196	881,574
PA	3,640	3,905	3,565	3,636	189,543	188,041
SC	4,845	4,819	4,660	4,742	229,727	227,183
TX	13,426	13,420	13,515	13,183	663,156	639,044
VA	6,552	6,542	6,578	6,609	339,133	339,631
CA, TN & WV	11,513	11,461	10,865	10,813	562,476	525,637
Total	180,668	180,235	179,725	178,719	9,092,798	8,902,983
Chicks Placed						
AL	19,946	19,821	19,279	19,746	983,742	955,628
AR	24,579	24,483	23,741	22,312	1,219,697	1,237,295
DE	5,022	5,495	4,710	5,057	269,710	271,429
FL	2,527	2,062	2,558	2,112	129,681	137,031
GA	24,813	25,048	25,414	24,686	1,269,645	1,231,677
MD	6,268	5,181	6,206	5,983	307,718	305,756
MS	14,719	14,582	14,269	15,115	754,638	758,358
NC	13,405	13,663	12,710	13,622	687,882	688,134
PA	2,804	2,765	2,505	2,558	139,108	141,621
SC	3,636	3,612	3,301	4,719	191,255	192,587
TX	9,894	10,314	10,476	10,382	504,992	481,545
VA	5,248	6,122	4,971	5,439	273,429	270,436
CA, TN & WV	9,347	10,457	9,026	10,137	499,782	488,542
Total	142,208	143,605	139,166	141,868	7,231,279	7,160,039

¹ Includes weeks ending Jan 10, 1998, through Jan 2, 1999.

² Includes weeks ending Jan 4, 1997, through Dec 27, 1997.

**Intended Placements: Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply
Flocks by Month and Total, United States, 1996-98 ¹**

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			1998 as % of 1997	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-15 Months Earlier ²		
	1996	1997	1998		1997	1998	1999
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
US Place- ments							
Jan	5,491	6,397	6,765	106	56,101	56,552	59,403
Feb	5,917	5,916	6,328	107	56,122	57,494	59,937
Mar	6,100	6,443	6,776	105	55,981	57,677	60,699
Apr	6,751	6,036	6,687	111	55,933	58,228	61,775
May	6,780	7,062	7,062	100	56,667	58,085	61,893
Jun	6,175	6,008	6,932	115	57,264	58,516	62,877
Jul	6,034	7,167	6,788	95	57,115	58,325	63,005
Aug	6,515	6,697	7,109	106	56,761	59,054	
Sep	6,170	6,502	7,328	113	55,897	58,320	
Oct	6,225	6,254	6,883	110	56,165	59,088	
Nov	6,514	6,347	7,312	115	56,167	58,608	
Dec	5,951	6,252	6,904	110	56,714	58,973	
Annual Total	74,623	77,081	82,874	108			
Total Place- ments ²							
Jan	6,697	7,547	8,613	114			
Feb	7,168	7,122	8,273	116			
Mar	7,508	7,894	8,760	111			
Apr	7,908	7,238	8,300	115			
May	8,238	8,505	8,957	105			
Jun	7,365	7,381	8,757	119			
Jul	7,468	8,460	8,423	100			
Aug	7,982	8,132	8,686	107			
Sep	7,626	8,092	8,985	111			
Oct	7,330	8,142	8,756	108			
Nov	7,708	7,973	9,412	118			
Dec	7,593	8,237	8,830	107			
Annual Total	90,591	94,723	104,752	111			

¹ Reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs.

² U.S. production of intended placements worldwide.

**Intended Placements: Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply
Flocks by Month and Total, United States, 1996-98 ¹**

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			1998 as % of 1997	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-15 Months Earlier ²		
	1996	1997	1998		1997	1998	1999
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Jan	219	208	189	91	2,953	2,823	3,029
Feb	238	222	250	113	2,984	2,764	3,120
Mar	317	209	225	108	3,007	2,863	3,020
Apr	252	316	333	105	2,946	3,034	2,942
May	291	273	192	70	2,870	3,057	3,044
Jun	282	254	354	139	2,956	2,976	3,132
Jul	266	207	298	144	2,940	2,968	3,108
Aug	186	285	185	65	2,929	2,949	
Sep	231	402	324	81	2,913	2,977	
Oct	233	256	358	140	2,805	2,993	
Nov	210	129	217	168	2,869	3,010	
Dec	215	207	183	88	2,851	2,929	
Total	2,940	2,968	3,108	105			

¹ Reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs.

² The 7-18 months represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements.

Egg-Type Chicks: Number Hatched by Month, Selected States and United States, 1997

State	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
AR	603	1,005	671	912	934	629	807
FL	1,078	1,039	1,289	1,391	1,372	1,190	1,128
GA	2,099	2,039	2,152	2,245	2,068	2,055	1,960
IN	7,205	7,326	7,377	7,896	7,667	7,200	6,270
IA	3,540	3,421	3,482	4,135	4,169	4,355	4,865
KS	375	173	251	350	250	308	285
MN	2,173	2,247	1,963	1,840	2,234	1,828	1,794
MO	306	280	381	371	343	333	336
PA	4,235	4,868	5,524	4,979	4,973	5,517	4,670
Oth Sts ¹	12,138	13,257	14,257	14,723	15,010	13,381	11,657
US	33,752	35,655	37,347	38,842	39,020	36,796	33,772
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	
AR	940	696	846	645	709	9,397	
FL	1,179	1,192	1,327	835	973	13,993	
GA	2,184	2,012	1,719	1,400	1,817	23,750	
IN	7,141	7,437	7,048	5,529	7,513	85,609	
IA	4,008	3,934	4,186	3,587	4,362	48,044	
KS	142	219	232	292	379	3,256	
MN	1,507	2,041	1,946	1,483	1,810	22,866	
MO	336	315	306	296	306	3,909	
PA	3,983	5,548	4,181	4,128	4,510	57,116	
Oth Sts ¹	11,641	13,724	13,471	9,927	13,417	156,603	
US	33,061	37,118	35,262	28,122	35,796	424,543	

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Egg-Type Chicks: Number Hatched by Month, Selected States and United States, 1998

State	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
AR	825	1,045	882	846	819	605	759
FL	1,177	1,097	1,004	1,231	1,190	1,263	646
GA	2,142	1,787	2,283	2,213	2,088	2,163	2,009
IN	7,467	6,094	7,303	7,487	6,949	7,282	7,403
IA	3,496	3,605	5,773	4,662	4,350	4,194	4,250
KS	130	193	306	393	323	136	278
MN	1,935	1,610	1,715	1,870	2,068	2,218	1,659
MO	310	321	381	387	403	326	336
PA	5,317	4,901	5,647	5,570	4,967	6,003	5,462
Oth Sts ¹	14,360	13,940	15,296	14,384	16,035	15,112	12,756
US 1998	37,159	34,593	40,590	39,043	39,192	39,302	35,558
US 1997	33,752	35,655	37,347	38,842	39,020	36,796	33,772
1998 as % of 1997	110	97	109	101	100	107	105
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	
AR	784	837	467	567	659	9,095	
FL	728	1,158	953	842	1,006	12,295	
GA	2,017	1,884	1,740	1,635	1,718	23,679	
IN	6,206	7,457	6,897	6,538	7,372	84,455	
IA	4,676	4,275	4,745	4,487	4,418	52,931	
KS	276	168	152	255	415	3,025	
MN	1,621	2,016	1,961	1,681	1,919	22,273	
MO	336	315	306	296	306	4,023	
PA	3,953	6,386	5,354	4,621	6,096	64,277	
Oth Sts ¹	12,783	13,447	12,074	10,329	11,824	162,340	
US 1998	33,380	37,943	34,649	31,251	35,733	438,393	
US 1997	33,061	37,118	35,262	28,122	35,796	424,543	
1998 as % of 1997	101	102	98	111	100	103	

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**Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators: First Day of Month
by Region and United States, 1997**

Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
North Atlantic	4,764	5,820	5,867	5,856
E North Central	7,770	9,009	8,542	9,643
W North Central	5,528	5,622	5,482	6,023
South Atlantic	4,717	4,747	4,315	5,037
South Central	2,942	3,500	3,790	3,929
West	4,255	4,293	5,565	4,882
US	29,976	32,991	33,561	35,370
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
North Atlantic	6,230	5,838	5,852	5,365
E North Central	9,928	8,458	6,855	7,406
W North Central	6,662	6,324	6,068	5,110
South Atlantic	4,866	4,548	4,245	4,272
South Central	4,026	2,987	3,590	3,153
West	4,840	5,036	3,590	2,930
US	36,552	33,191	30,200	28,236
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
North Atlantic	5,977	4,882	6,057	5,151
E North Central	8,139	8,470	7,649	9,338
W North Central	5,622	5,327	5,098	6,248
South Atlantic	4,480	4,405	2,890	4,475
South Central	3,630	3,898	2,282	3,551
West	5,024	4,253	2,680	3,966
US	32,872	31,235	26,656	32,729

**Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators: First Day of Month
by Region and United States, 1998**

Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
North Atlantic	5,805	5,676	5,695	5,461
E North Central	8,604	8,665	8,501	9,180
W North Central	5,442	6,077	7,050	6,267
South Atlantic	5,330	4,106	4,246	4,733
South Central	3,378	3,801	3,718	4,055
West	4,193	4,411	5,445	4,248
US	32,752	32,736	34,655	33,944
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
North Atlantic	6,211	6,686	6,549	4,447
E North Central	8,900	9,170	8,446	7,935
W North Central	6,647	7,005	5,676	5,447
South Atlantic	5,241	5,111	3,973	3,094
South Central	3,421	3,488	3,049	3,448
West	5,387	5,279	4,151	3,072
US	35,807	36,739	31,844	27,443
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
North Atlantic	6,838	7,203	6,139	6,717
E North Central	7,908	7,039	8,144	9,032
W North Central	5,854	6,298	6,536	5,713
South Atlantic	4,739	4,651	3,866	3,970
South Central	3,503	3,158	2,781	3,111
West	4,418	3,854	2,969	3,862
US	33,260	32,203	30,435	32,405

**Turkey Hatchery Production: Eggs in Incubators and Poult Placements,
by Region and United States, Monthly, 1998**

Month	United States			East North Central	West North Central	North & South Atlantic	South Central	West
	1997	1998	1998 As Percent Of 1997	1998				
	Eggs in Incubators, First of Month							
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
All Breeds								
Jan	34,111	32,926	97	4,542	9,860	11,489	3,922	3,113
Feb	35,683	33,404	94	4,703	9,427	11,730	4,023	3,521
Mar	35,035	32,752	93	4,864	10,580	10,732	3,263	3,313
Apr	37,214	33,345	90	5,015	10,159	11,001	3,478	3,692
May	36,574	33,296	91	4,756	10,388	10,350	3,799	4,003
Jun	36,859	33,779	92	5,006	11,122	10,546	3,398	3,707
Jul	38,586	34,248	89	5,307	11,208	9,621	3,547	4,565
Aug	34,956	31,327	90	4,987	9,956	9,547	3,386	3,451
Sep	30,928	26,969	87	4,540	8,710	8,837	3,006	1,876
Oct	31,878	28,047	88	5,002	8,629	9,118	3,139	2,159
Nov	30,964	27,535	89	4,830	8,465	8,681	3,359	2,200
Dec	32,074	30,824	96	4,911	10,548	9,247	3,515	2,603
	Poults Placed¹							
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
All Breeds								
Jan	27,121	26,240	97	3,437	7,885	9,151	3,421	2,346
Feb	27,145	25,093	92	3,378	7,356	8,575	3,090	2,694
Mar	27,610	26,362	95	3,543	8,648	8,816	2,851	2,504
Apr	28,220	25,747	91	3,809	8,063	8,316	2,802	2,757
May	29,111	25,677	88	3,454	8,063	8,090	2,998	3,072
Jun	28,381	26,957	95	3,610	9,055	8,777	2,714	2,801
Jul	30,092	26,247	87	3,845	8,566	7,533	2,805	3,498
Aug	26,321	24,450	93	3,569	7,813	7,854	2,647	2,567
Sep	23,907	21,124	88	3,358	6,974	6,901	2,430	1,461
Oct	24,587	22,749	93	3,802	7,175	7,519	2,537	1,716
Nov	23,281	22,167	95	3,287	7,397	6,940	2,744	1,799
Dec	25,711	24,985	95	3,623	8,844	7,657	2,770	2,091
Total	321,487	297,798	93	42,715	95,839	96,129	33,809	29,306

¹ Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement. Excludes exported poults.

**Chicken and Turkey Hatcheries: Number and Incubator Egg Capacity
by Region and United States, January 1, 1998 and 1999 ¹**

Geographic Region	Hatcheries		Incubator Egg Capacity	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Chicken Hatcheries				
North Atlantic	29	26	23,888	23,705
E North Central	29	28	23,270	24,405
W North Central	41	40	44,789	45,336
South Atlantic	97	97	293,325	287,618
South Central	130	130	409,099	433,874
West	26	26	39,025	41,167
US	352	347	833,396	856,105
	Turkey Hatcheries			
N & S Atlantic Combined	27	26	19,877	15,849
E North Central	9	10	6,157	8,977
W North Central	20	21	14,319	14,477
South Central	13	12	5,433	4,964
West	7	7	5,706	5,729
US	76	76	51,492	49,996

¹ Hatchery capacity is defined as the number of eggs the machines can hold in a controlled environment favorable for hatching. All setter, hatcher, and inactive capacity is included.

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