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Chicks Placed Weekly in Seven Principal Commercial Broiler Producing Areas in 1949

Output of commercial broilers in 7 principal areas in 1949 was the largest of record the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. Production continued to expand in 1949 throughout the United States but remained mostly in fairly well defined areas. Approximately two-thirds of the commercial broilers produced in the United States are produced in the 7 areas covered by weekly reports, namely, the Eastern Connecticut Counties of Windham and New London, the Eastern Shore of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and West Virginia, the Chatham and Wilkes areas of North Carolina, North Georgia, North West Arkansas and Texas areas. The number of chicks placed in these 7 areas during 1949 totaled 318,216,000 — an increase of about 29 percent above the number placed in these areas during 1948. Increases ranged from about 19 percent in the Eastern Connecticut area to 51 percent in the Texas areas.

Of the total chicks placed in 1949 about 45 percent were placed in the Del-Mar-Va area, 16 percent in North Georgia, 11 percent in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and West Virginia, 10 percent in North West Arkansas, 9 percent in Texas, 6 percent in North Carolina and 3 percent in Eastern Connecticut.

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Week ending	Eastern Conn.	Del-Mar-Va.	Shenandoah Valley Va.&W.Va.	N.Car. Chatham Wilkes	North Ga.	N.W. Ark.	Texas	Total Seven Areas 1949	Total Seven Areas 1948
	Thousands								
Jan. 8	193	3,117	658	351	1,046	716	567	6,648	4,293
15	240	3,271	572	371	1,035	753	570	6,812	4,204
22	216	2,921	585	364	980	674	558	6,298	4,124
29	241	2,975	609	381	1,080	653	569	6,508	4,353
Feb. 5	289	2,744	679	382	990	675	522	6,281	4,493
12	268	2,967	703	399	1,029	644	529	6,539	4,413
19	343	3,029	752	393	1,086	637	567	6,807	4,306
26	319	3,010	779	428	1,074	632	465	6,707	4,201
Mar. 5	327	2,944	818	422	1,105	664	566	6,846	4,296
12	232	2,986	801	384	1,118	699	587	6,807	4,489
19	246	3,053	886	419	1,027	703	674	7,008	4,631
26	229	3,022	860	434	1,067	717	664	7,053	4,873
Apr. 2	252	3,020	881	432	1,031	814	685	7,115	5,324
9	230	2,927	872	445	1,093	800	732	7,099	5,338
16	263	2,870	888	421	1,065	838	726	7,071	5,331
23	256	2,849	851	413	1,058	814	732	6,973	5,428
30	237	2,782	855	410	1,088	821	696	6,889	5,351
May 7	258	2,904	829	385	1,215	789	682	7,062	5,232
14	260	2,987	813	384	1,061	722	757	6,984	5,195
21	236	2,988	820	383	981	678	663	6,749	4,918
28	195	3,004	799	379	953	686	698	6,714	5,029
June 4	236	3,156	740	387	983	686	636	6,824	4,867
11	174	3,032	737	384	959	618	592	6,496	4,890
18	228	2,912	714	399	922	642	569	6,386	4,787
25	193	2,659	664	379	887	608	568	5,958	4,882

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July 2	120	2,578	641	354	850	637	584	5,764	4,713
9	115	2,291	610	340	810	595	600	5,331	4,804
16	120	1,937	541	335	769	624	613	4,939	4,641
23	47	1,705	506	297	791	519	526	4,391	4,314
30	88	1,923	494	280	680	449	499	4,413	4,112
Aug. 6	96	2,096	490	304	634	420	428	4,468	4,032
13	113	2,192	512	290	643	461	438	4,649	4,023
20	195	2,214	477	286	714	493	422	4,801	3,904
27	162	2,140	407	235	716	474	415	4,549	3,787
Sept. 3	163	2,142	381	246	626	454	479	4,491	3,814
10	130	2,273	412	238	734	448	461	4,696	3,774
17	171	2,587	473	284	756	506	448	5,225	3,820
24	183	2,730	489	280	852	479	466	5,479	3,626
Oct. 1	170	3,020	548	291	915	473	434	5,851	3,550
8	205	3,140	644	295	987	570	502	6,343	4,023
15	188	3,103	681	347	1,104	563	478	6,464	4,245
22	191	3,227	666	345	1,151	622	493	6,695	4,701
29	171	3,115	682	336	1,150	663	512	6,629	5,075
Nov. 5	133	3,029	838	330	1,207	671	576	6,784	5,329
12	73	2,681	687	363	1,230	606	556	6,196	5,534
19	71	2,528	599	339	1,254	584	553	5,928	5,830
26	157	2,595	535	326	1,218	568	533	5,932	5,913
Dec. 3	122	2,652	548	299	1,141	664	583	6,009	6,374
10	161	2,757	602	273	1,088	640	556	6,077	6,235
17	181	3,099	536	259	1,039	685	524	6,323	6,571
24	139	2,515	485	150	987	665	577	5,518	5,469
31	185	2,557	503	197	922	701	542	5,607	6,013
Total 1949	10,011	142,955	34,152	17,848	50,901	32,977	29,372	318,216	———
Total 1948	8,401	115,206	27,142	11,984	41,148	24,173	19,420	———	247,474
% change from 1948	119.2	124.1	125.8	148.9	123.7	136.4	151.2		128.6
% of total 1949	3.2	44.9	10.7	5.6	16.0	10.4	9.2		
% of total 1948	3.4	46.6	11.0	4.8	16.6	9.8	7.8		

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