

# Broiler Hatchery



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## Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 166 million eggs during the week ending February 3, 1996. This was up 6 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 3, 1996. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through February 3, 1996, were 1.84 billion, 3 percent above the 1.78 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending 1/					
	Dec 30	Jan 6	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27	Feb 3
	1,000					
AL	23,920	24,214	*24,262	23,931	23,755	23,758
AR	30,062	*29,666	*29,827	*30,040	30,130	29,947
DE	4,445	4,372	4,426	4,556	4,262	4,664
FL	2,935	2,873	2,888	2,904	2,909	2,928
GA	28,974	28,945	28,931	28,910	*28,424	28,703
MD	8,734	8,764	9,407	9,592	*9,743	9,368
MS	15,379	15,639	15,378	15,468	15,173	15,683
NC	18,001	18,508	*17,620	18,015	17,458	16,699
PA	3,096	3,249	3,037	3,227	*2,902	2,846
SC	4,366	4,337	4,307	4,335	4,325	4,364
TX	11,396	11,461	*11,342	11,366	11,007	11,324
VA	6,432	6,399	6,401	6,507	6,290	6,547
CA, TN, & WV	9,022	9,754	*9,264	*9,169	*8,260	8,942
1996 Total	166,762	*168,181	*167,090	*168,020	*164,638	165,773
1995 Total	161,051	161,853	160,672	160,593	160,462	155,687
% of Prev Yr	104	104	104	105	103	106

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending 1/					
	Dec 30	Jan 6	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27	Feb 3
	1,000					
AL	17,990	17,251	17,462	16,870	17,560	16,908
AR	23,382	23,357	23,814	24,705	23,253	22,370
DE	4,932	5,144	5,386	5,804	5,213	4,797
FL	2,668	2,628	2,633	2,871	2,492	2,734
GA	23,399	23,696	23,684	23,650	*24,141	23,724
MD	6,223	6,404	6,379	5,534	6,149	7,232
MS	*13,114	*13,544	*13,148	*13,113	*13,324	13,257
NC	13,125	14,056	13,624	13,646	14,239	13,549
PA	*2,504	*2,361	*2,434	*2,455	*2,595	2,457
SC	3,331	3,769	3,274	3,818	3,198	3,598
TX	8,581	*8,734	8,645	8,583	8,508	8,706
VA	5,117	5,127	5,292	5,123	4,928	4,914
CA, TN, & WV	8,065	9,118	8,867	9,114	9,364	9,383
1996 Total	*132,431	*135,189	*134,642	*135,286	*134,964	133,629
1995 Total	131,166	130,282	129,784	130,176	131,895	130,416
% of Prev Yr	101	104	104	104	102	102

\* Revised. 1/ Previous year except January.