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**Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States**
**Up 5 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 167 million eggs during the week ending February 10, 1996. This was up 5 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 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 10, 1996. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through February 10, 1996, were 1.98 billion, 3 percent above the 1.91 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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1995 Total : 161,853 160,672 160,593 160,462 155,687 158,918

% of Prev Yr : 104 104 105 103 107 105

# Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

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1996 Total : 135,189 134,642 135,286 134,964 *134,323 134,031

1995 Total : 130,282 129,784 130,176 131,895 130,416 130,025

% of Prev Yr : 104 104 104 102 103 103

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