

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 169 million eggs during the week ending February 24, 1996. This was up 3 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 132 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 24, 1996. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through February 24, 1996, were 2.24 billion, 3 percent above the 2.17 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 20	Jan 27	Feb 3	Feb 10	Feb 17	Feb 24
	1,000					
AL	23,931	23,758	23,736	22,924	24,189	24,324
AR	*30,555	*30,622	*30,378	*30,297	30,076	29,751
DE	4,556	4,262	4,664	4,621	4,617	4,622
FL	2,904	2,909	2,928	2,898	*2,903	2,907
GA	28,910	28,524	*28,487	28,456	*29,063	28,833
MD	9,592	9,743	9,368	9,660	9,766	9,576
MS	15,468	15,173	15,593	15,101	15,182	15,173
NC	18,015	17,458	16,699	17,893	18,210	17,856
PA	3,227	2,902	2,846	3,078	*3,180	3,533
SC	4,335	4,325	4,364	4,377	4,383	4,373
TX	11,366	11,007	11,296	11,432	*11,161	11,336
VA	6,507	6,290	6,610	6,650	*6,759	6,629
CA, TN, & WV	9,169	8,260	*9,059	10,048	*9,057	9,718
1996 Total	*168,535	*165,233	*166,028	*167,435	*168,546	168,631
1995 Total	160,593	160,462	155,687	158,918	162,677	163,588
% of Prev Yr	105	103	107	105	104	103

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 20	Jan 27	Feb 3	Feb 10	Feb 17	Feb 24
	1,000					
AL	16,870	17,560	16,817	17,168	17,273	17,482
AR	24,705	*23,238	*22,897	*23,232	23,461	23,102
DE	5,804	5,213	4,797	5,746	4,871	5,177
FL	2,871	2,492	2,734	2,463	2,527	2,440
GA	23,650	24,085	24,016	*23,624	23,114	23,128
MD	5,534	6,149	7,232	6,358	6,596	6,666
MS	13,113	13,324	13,239	12,883	12,513	13,130
NC	13,646	14,239	13,549	14,016	13,506	13,479
PA	2,455	2,595	2,457	2,592	*2,300	2,298
SC	3,818	3,198	3,598	3,496	3,479	3,399
TX	8,583	8,508	8,706	8,299	8,321	8,329
VA	5,123	4,928	5,029	5,087	*5,582	5,080
CA, TN, & WV	9,114	9,364	9,243	8,832	*8,160	8,605
1996 Total	135,286	*134,893	*134,314	*133,796	*131,703	132,315
1995 Total	130,176	131,895	130,416	130,025	131,137	128,297
% of Prev Yr	104	102	103	103	100	103

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