

# Broiler Hatchery



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## Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 166 million eggs during the week ending March 16, 1996. This was up slightly 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 137 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 16, 1996. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through March 16, 1996, were 2.65 billion, 3 percent above the 2.57 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 10	Feb 17	Feb 24	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16
	1,000					
AL	22,924	24,179	24,324	24,039	23,528	23,994
AR	30,297	30,076	*29,747	*29,904	*29,322	28,640
DE	4,621	4,617	4,622	4,590	4,600	4,240
FL	2,898	2,903	2,907	2,869	2,879	2,789
GA	28,456	29,063	28,842	28,807	*28,962	28,589
MD	9,660	9,766	9,576	9,878	9,777	9,744
MS	15,101	15,182	15,173	15,254	15,316	15,768
NC	17,580	18,008	*18,009	17,446	17,765	17,581
PA	3,078	3,533	3,278	3,273	*3,234	3,411
SC	4,377	4,383	4,373	4,355	4,360	4,247
TX	11,432	11,161	11,364	11,346	11,243	11,353
VA	6,650	6,759	6,629	6,447	6,317	6,379
CA, TN, & WV	10,048	9,057	9,718	9,583	9,668	9,421
1996 Total	167,122	168,687	*168,562	*167,791	*166,971	166,156
1995 Total	158,918	162,677	163,588	164,502	164,908	165,416
% of Prev Yr	105	104	103	102	101	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 10	Feb 17	Feb 24	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16
	1,000					
AL	17,168	17,273	17,482	16,349	17,109	17,213
AR	23,232	23,461	*23,116	*23,242	*23,574	24,586
DE	5,746	4,871	5,177	5,325	5,057	5,431
FL	2,463	2,527	2,440	2,608	2,445	2,884
GA	23,624	23,114	23,154	*22,905	*23,311	23,664
MD	6,358	6,596	6,665	6,712	7,333	6,601
MS	12,883	12,513	13,130	12,879	13,293	13,323
NC	14,016	13,506	13,479	13,694	13,576	14,031
PA	2,592	2,298	2,292	2,371	*2,545	2,578
SC	3,496	3,479	3,399	*3,407	3,830	3,574
TX	8,304	8,325	8,343	8,452	8,381	8,458
VA	5,087	5,582	5,080	5,621	5,197	5,543
CA, TN, & WV	8,832	8,160	8,605	9,498	8,967	8,847
1996 Total	133,801	131,705	*132,362	*133,063	*134,618	136,733
1995 Total	130,025	131,137	128,297	129,257	131,414	133,814
% of Prev Yr	103	100	103	103	102	102

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