

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 165 million eggs during the week ending March 23, 1996. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 135 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 23, 1996. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through March 23, 1996, were 2.78 billion, 3 percent above the 2.70 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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 Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 17	Feb 24	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 23
	1,000					
AL	24,179	*24,424	24,039	23,528	*23,992	24,117
AR	30,076	29,747	29,904	29,322	28,640	28,311
DE	4,617	4,622	4,590	4,600	*4,244	4,303
FL	2,903	2,907	2,869	2,879	*2,839	2,810
GA	29,063	28,842	*28,938	28,962	*28,726	28,533
MD	9,766	9,576	*9,003	*8,902	*8,869	8,396
MS	15,182	15,173	15,254	15,316	15,768	15,647
NC	18,008	18,009	17,446	17,765	17,581	17,882
PA	3,533	3,278	3,273	3,234	3,411	3,133
SC	4,383	4,373	4,355	4,360	4,247	4,222
TX	11,161	11,364	11,346	*11,312	*11,075	11,341
VA	6,759	6,629	6,447	6,317	6,379	6,367
CA, TN, & WV	*9,065	*9,727	*9,591	*9,706	*9,437	9,453
1996 Total	*168,695	*168,671	*167,055	*166,203	*165,208	164,515
1995 Total	162,677	163,588	164,502	164,908	165,416	163,610
% of Prev Yr	104	103	102	101	100	101

 Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 17	Feb 24	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 23
	1,000					
AL	17,273	17,482	16,349	17,109	*17,219	17,231
AR	23,461	23,116	23,242	23,574	24,586	23,159
DE	4,871	5,177	5,325	5,057	*5,478	5,386
FL	2,527	2,440	2,608	2,445	*2,904	2,368
GA	23,114	23,154	22,905	23,311	*23,644	24,010
MD	6,596	6,665	6,712	7,333	*6,582	6,130
MS	12,513	13,130	12,879	13,293	13,323	13,600
NC	13,506	13,479	13,694	13,576	14,031	13,824
PA	2,298	2,292	2,371	2,545	2,578	2,564
SC	3,479	3,399	3,407	3,830	3,574	3,226
TX	8,325	8,343	8,452	8,381	8,458	8,456
VA	5,582	5,080	5,621	5,197	*5,507	5,321
CA, TN, & WV	*8,164	*8,604	*9,488	*8,971	*8,899	9,337
1996 Total	*131,709	*132,361	*133,053	*134,622	*136,783	134,612
1995 Total	131,137	128,297	129,257	131,414	133,814	133,954
% of Prev Yr	100	103	103	102	102	100

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