

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 163 million eggs during the week ending March 30, 1996. This was down 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 135 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 30, 1996. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through March 30, 1996, were 2.91 billion, 3 percent above the 2.84 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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 Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 24	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 23	Mar 30
	1,000					
AL	24,424	24,039	23,528	23,992	24,117	23,135
AR	29,747	29,904	*29,323	28,640	28,311	28,368
DE	4,622	4,590	4,600	4,244	4,303	4,159
FL	2,907	2,869	2,879	2,839	2,810	2,785
GA	28,842	28,938	*29,056	28,726	*28,539	28,089
MD	*8,701	9,003	8,902	8,869	8,396	8,832
MS	15,173	15,254	*15,298	15,768	15,647	16,122
NC	18,009	17,446	17,765	17,581	17,882	17,526
PA	3,278	*3,322	3,234	3,411	3,133	3,238
SC	4,373	4,355	4,360	4,247	4,222	4,182
TX	11,364	11,346	11,312	11,075	*11,311	11,358
VA	6,629	6,447	6,317	6,379	*6,368	6,343
CA, TN, & WV	9,727	9,591	9,706	*9,443	9,453	9,347
1996 Total	*167,796	*167,104	*166,280	*165,214	*164,492	163,484
1995 Total	163,588	164,502	164,908	165,416	163,610	164,797
% of Prev Yr	103	102	101	100	101	99

 Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 24	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 23	Mar 30
	1,000					
AL	17,482	16,349	17,109	17,219	17,231	16,853
AR	23,116	23,242	*23,644	*24,636	23,159	22,871
DE	5,177	5,325	5,057	5,478	5,386	5,157
FL	2,440	2,608	2,445	2,904	2,368	2,575
GA	23,154	22,905	*23,343	23,644	*24,066	23,490
MD	*5,984	*6,011	*6,653	*5,886	*6,132	6,380
MS	13,130	12,879	13,293	13,323	13,600	13,447
NC	13,479	13,694	13,576	14,031	13,824	13,879
PA	2,292	*2,410	2,545	2,578	2,564	2,526
SC	3,399	3,407	3,830	3,574	3,226	3,990
TX	8,343	8,452	8,381	8,458	8,456	8,565
VA	5,080	5,621	5,197	5,507	5,321	5,169
CA, TN, & WV	8,604	9,488	8,971	8,899	*9,349	9,604
1996 Total	*131,680	*132,391	*134,044	*136,137	*134,682	134,506
1995 Total	128,297	129,257	131,414	133,814	133,954	134,995
% of Prev Yr	103	102	102	102	101	100

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