

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 167 million eggs during the week ending April 13, 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 132 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 13, 1996. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through April 13, 1996, were 2.01 billion, 2 percent above the 1.98 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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