

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 April 27, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 27, 1996. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through April 27, 1996, were 2.27 billion, 1 percent above the 2.25 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 23	Mar 30	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27
	1,000					
AL	24,117	23,135	*24,044	24,100	23,613	23,751
AR	28,311	28,368	29,169	28,855	29,038	26,713
DE	4,303	4,159	4,285	4,391	4,311	4,160
FL	2,810	2,785	*2,872	2,710	2,626	2,689
GA	28,539	28,262	*28,843	28,830	*28,566	28,847
MD	8,396	8,832	8,772	8,594	8,439	8,518
MS	15,632	16,122	15,917	15,922	15,792	15,995
NC	17,882	17,526	17,554	17,704	17,972	17,363
PA	*3,055	3,238	3,318	3,315	3,179	3,289
SC	4,222	4,182	4,275	4,323	4,271	4,212
TX	11,311	11,358	*11,507	*11,787	*11,225	11,627
VA	6,368	6,335	6,342	6,285	6,327	6,305
CA, TN, & WV	9,453	9,341	9,445	9,982	9,975	9,388
1996 Total	*164,399	163,643	*166,343	*166,798	*165,334	162,857
1995 Total	163,616	165,004	166,109	166,244	165,507	164,315
% of Prev Yr	100	99	100	100	100	99

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 23	Mar 30	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27
	1,000					
AL	17,231	16,853	16,570	16,852	16,378	16,955
AR	23,159	22,871	22,737	22,696	21,144	22,188
DE	5,386	5,157	4,802	4,508	5,430	4,521
FL	2,368	2,575	*2,719	*2,683	*2,510	2,688
GA	24,066	23,756	22,668	23,249	*22,863	23,429
MD	6,132	6,380	6,507	6,354	5,419	6,819
MS	13,600	13,447	12,976	13,249	14,021	14,095
NC	13,824	13,879	13,927	14,001	13,760	14,013
PA	*2,572	2,526	2,543	2,417	2,496	2,514
SC	3,226	3,990	3,531	3,365	3,851	3,385
TX	8,483	8,592	*8,346	*8,264	*8,181	8,621
VA	5,321	5,132	5,264	5,440	5,505	5,284
CA, TN, & WV	9,350	9,648	9,427	9,306	8,800	9,270
1996 Total	*134,718	134,806	*132,017	*132,384	*130,358	133,782
1995 Total	134,117	135,083	134,786	133,373	133,791	135,866
% of Prev Yr	100	100	98	99	97	98

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