

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 164 million eggs during the week ending May 4, 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 135 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 4, 1996. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through May 4, 1996, were 2.41 billion, 1 percent above the 2.38 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 30	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27	May 4
	1,000					
AL	23,135	*24,044	24,100	23,613	23,751	23,497
AR	28,368	29,169	*28,830	*28,944	26,713	27,651
DE	4,159	4,285	4,391	4,311	4,160	4,388
FL	2,785	*2,872	2,710	2,626	2,689	2,826
GA	28,262	*28,843	*28,956	*28,566	*28,766	28,875
MD	8,832	8,772	8,594	8,439	8,518	8,464
MS	16,122	15,917	15,922	15,792	15,995	16,193
NC	17,526	17,554	17,704	17,972	17,363	17,103
PA	3,238	3,318	3,315	3,179	3,289	3,297
SC	4,182	4,275	4,323	4,271	*4,211	4,274
TX	11,358	*11,507	*11,787	*11,225	*11,763	11,557
VA	6,335	6,342	6,285	6,327	6,305	6,274
CA, TN, & WV	9,341	9,445	9,982	9,975	9,388	9,647
1996 Total	163,643	*166,343	*166,899	*165,240	*162,911	164,046
1995 Total	165,004	166,109	166,244	165,507	164,315	165,324
% of Prev Yr	99	100	100	100	99	99

BROILER CHICKS PLACED IN 15 SELECTED STATES

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 30	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27	May 4
	1,000					
AL	16,853	16,570	16,852	16,378	16,955	16,964
AR	22,871	*22,840	*22,887	*21,136	22,188	22,685
DE	5,157	4,802	4,508	5,430	*4,654	4,967
FL	2,575	*2,719	*2,683	*2,510	2,688	2,574
GA	23,756	22,668	23,249	*22,863	*23,433	23,590
MD	6,380	6,507	6,354	5,419	*6,699	6,193
MS	13,447	12,976	13,249	14,021	14,095	14,087
NC	13,879	13,927	14,001	13,760	14,013	14,464
PA	2,526	2,543	2,417	2,496	2,514	2,570
SC	3,990	3,531	3,365	3,851	*3,403	3,576
TX	8,592	*8,370	*8,288	*8,204	*8,642	8,606
VA	5,132	5,264	5,440	5,505	5,284	4,986
CA, TN, & WV	9,648	9,427	9,306	*8,801	9,270	9,892
1996 Total	134,806	*132,144	*132,599	*130,374	*133,838	135,154
1995 Total	135,083	134,786	133,373	133,791	135,866	135,124
% of Prev Yr	100	98	99	97	99	100

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