

# 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 167 million eggs during the week ending May 11, 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 May 11, 1996. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through May 11, 1996, were 2.54 billion, 1 percent above the 2.52 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27	May 4	May 11
	1,000					
AL	24,044	24,100	23,613	23,751	23,497	24,399
AR	29,169	28,830	28,944	26,713	27,651	28,916
DE	4,285	4,391	4,311	4,160	4,388	4,351
FL	2,872	2,710	2,626	2,689	2,826	2,730
GA	28,843	28,956	28,566	28,766	*28,904	28,700
MD	8,772	8,594	*8,716	8,518	8,464	8,915
MS	15,917	15,922	15,792	15,995	16,193	16,267
NC	17,554	17,704	17,972	17,363	17,103	17,763
PA	*3,354	3,315	3,179	3,289	3,297	3,279
SC	4,275	4,323	4,271	4,211	4,274	4,277
TX	11,507	11,787	11,225	11,763	11,557	11,610
VA	6,342	6,285	6,327	6,305	6,274	6,248
CA, TN, & WV	9,445	9,982	9,975	9,388	9,647	9,950
1996 Total	*166,379	166,899	*165,517	162,911	*164,075	167,405
1995 Total	166,109	166,244	165,507	164,315	165,324	165,032
% of Prev Yr	100	100	100	99	99	101

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27	May 4	May 11
	1,000					
AL	16,570	16,852	16,378	16,955	16,964	17,069
AR	22,840	22,887	21,136	22,188	22,685	23,334
DE	4,802	4,508	5,430	4,654	4,967	5,178
FL	2,719	2,683	2,510	2,688	2,574	2,588
GA	22,668	23,249	22,863	23,433	*23,601	23,437
MD	6,507	6,354	5,419	6,699	6,193	6,117
MS	12,976	13,249	14,021	14,095	14,087	13,978
NC	13,927	14,001	13,760	14,013	14,464	13,989
PA	*2,514	2,417	2,496	2,514	2,570	2,493
SC	3,531	*3,363	3,851	*3,333	3,576	3,755
TX	8,370	8,288	8,204	8,642	8,606	8,734
VA	5,264	5,440	5,505	5,284	4,986	5,124
CA, TN, & WV	*9,480	*9,359	*8,854	*9,323	9,892	9,250
1996 Total	*132,168	*132,650	*130,427	*133,821	*135,165	135,046
1995 Total	134,786	133,373	133,791	135,866	135,124	134,601
% of Prev Yr	98	99	97	98	100	100

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