

# 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 May 18, 1996. This was up slightly 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 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 18, 1996. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through May 18, 1996, were 2.68 billion, 1 percent above the 2.65 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

| State        | Week Ending |          |          |          |          |         |
|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
|              | Apr 13      | Apr 20   | Apr 27   | May 4    | May 11   | May 18  |
|              | 1,000       |          |          |          |          |         |
| AL           | 24,100      | 23,613   | 23,751   | 23,497   | 24,399   | 24,012  |
| AR           | 28,830      | *29,031  | *28,679  | *27,575  | *28,890  | 28,717  |
| DE           | 4,391       | 4,311    | 4,160    | 4,388    | 4,351    | 4,395   |
| FL           | 2,710       | 2,626    | 2,689    | 2,826    | 2,730    | 2,920   |
| GA           | 28,956      | 28,566   | *28,833  | 28,904   | *29,167  | 28,761  |
| MD           | 8,594       | 8,716    | 8,518    | 8,464    | 8,915    | 8,841   |
| MS           | 15,922      | 15,792   | 15,995   | 16,193   | 16,267   | 16,299  |
| NC           | 17,704      | 17,972   | 17,363   | 17,103   | 17,763   | 17,702  |
| PA           | 3,315       | 3,179    | 3,289    | 3,297    | 3,279    | 3,343   |
| SC           | 4,323       | 4,271    | 4,211    | 4,274    | 4,277    | 4,267   |
| TX           | 11,787      | 11,225   | 11,763   | 11,557   | *11,558  | 11,489  |
| VA           | 6,285       | 6,327    | *6,139   | 6,274    | 6,248    | 6,315   |
| CA, TN, & WV | 9,982       | 9,975    | 9,388    | 9,647    | 9,950    | 10,014  |
| 1996 Total   | 166,899     | *165,604 | *164,778 | *163,999 | *167,794 | 167,075 |
| 1995 Total   | 166,244     | 165,507  | 164,315  | 165,324  | 165,032  | 166,581 |
| % of Prev Yr | 100         | 100      | 100      | 99       | 102      | 100     |

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

| State        | Week Ending |         |         |          |          |         |
|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|---------|
|              | Apr 13      | Apr 20  | Apr 27  | May 4    | May 11   | May 18  |
|              | 1,000       |         |         |          |          |         |
| AL           | 16,852      | 16,378  | 16,955  | 16,964   | 17,069   | 16,975  |
| AR           | 22,887      | 21,136  | 22,188  | *22,704  | *23,579  | 22,751  |
| DE           | 4,508       | 5,430   | 4,654   | 4,967    | 5,178    | 5,905   |
| FL           | 2,683       | 2,510   | 2,688   | 2,574    | 2,588    | 2,732   |
| GA           | 23,249      | 22,863  | 23,433  | 23,601   | *23,451  | 23,615  |
| MD           | 6,354       | 5,419   | 6,699   | 6,193    | 6,117    | 5,114   |
| MS           | 13,249      | 14,021  | 14,095  | 14,087   | 13,978   | 14,139  |
| NC           | 14,001      | 13,760  | 14,013  | 14,464   | 13,989   | 13,821  |
| PA           | 2,417       | 2,496   | 2,514   | 2,570    | 2,493    | 2,586   |
| SC           | 3,363       | 3,851   | 3,333   | 3,576    | 3,755    | 3,175   |
| TX           | 8,288       | 8,204   | 8,642   | 8,606    | *8,727   | 8,800   |
| VA           | 5,440       | 5,505   | 5,284   | 4,986    | 5,124    | 5,008   |
| CA, TN, & WV | 9,359       | 8,854   | 9,323   | 9,892    | 9,250    | 9,349   |
| 1996 Total   | 132,650     | 130,427 | 133,821 | *135,184 | *135,298 | 133,970 |
| 1995 Total   | 133,373     | 133,791 | 135,866 | 135,124  | 134,601  | 133,500 |
| % of Prev Yr | 99          | 97      | 98      | 100      | 101      | 100     |

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