

# 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 165 million eggs during the week ending July 27, 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 129 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 27, 1996. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through July 27, 1996, were 4.01 billion, slightly above the 3.99 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 22	Jun 29	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20	Jul 27
	1,000					
AL	23,530	23,539	23,374	23,894	23,866	23,597
AR	28,904	28,247	27,056	28,470	28,572	28,970
DE	4,087	4,233	4,619	4,706	4,701	4,697
FL	2,891	2,915	2,603	2,873	2,864	2,856
GA	28,220	28,313	*28,004	28,437	*28,900	28,260
MD	8,587	7,742	8,286	8,238	8,263	8,506
MS	16,168	15,772	15,808	16,390	16,213	15,534
NC	18,119	16,018	*17,140	17,529	17,633	17,437
PA	3,641	3,335	*3,313	*3,393	*3,548	3,541
SC	4,339	4,342	4,338	4,338	4,335	4,337
TX	11,142	10,551	11,338	11,626	11,108	11,331
VA	6,262	6,182	6,194	6,359	6,351	6,347
CA, TN, & WV	9,705	*8,948	8,700	9,753	9,167	9,296
1996 Total	165,595	*160,137	*160,773	*166,006	*165,521	164,709
1995 Total	165,385	160,027	160,939	165,367	165,750	164,548
% of Prev Yr	100	100	100	100	100	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 22	Jun 29	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20	Jul 27
	1,000					
AL	17,592	17,406	17,566	16,729	17,121	15,981
AR	23,117	22,907	23,623	22,699	21,526	20,978
DE	5,344	4,878	5,459	5,258	4,485	5,633
FL	2,720	2,520	2,424	2,598	2,529	2,424
GA	23,434	23,409	24,082	23,241	*23,459	23,201
MD	5,729	6,584	5,866	5,570	5,818	5,400
MS	14,205	13,991	14,059	13,720	13,292	13,843
NC	13,054	13,402	14,078	14,315	*12,796	13,378
PA	2,577	2,630	*2,567	*2,626	*2,538	2,630
SC	3,811	3,856	3,573	3,500	*3,422	3,551
TX	8,358	8,324	8,409	8,486	*7,513	8,327
VA	5,340	5,117	5,080	5,358	*4,980	4,919
CA, TN, & WV	8,868	9,840	9,072	9,396	8,424	8,662
1996 Total	134,149	134,864	*135,858	*133,496	*127,903	128,927
1995 Total	134,667	135,618	134,419	133,790	129,944	130,442
% of Prev Yr	100	99	101	100	98	99

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