

# Broiler Hatchery



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## Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 166 million eggs during the week ending August 3, 1996. This was up 2 percent 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 3, 1996. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through August 3, 1996, were 4.14 billion, slightly above the 4.12 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 29	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20	Jul 27	Aug 3
	1,000					
AL	23,539	*22,984	23,894	*23,940	*23,666	23,711
AR	*28,300	*27,177	*28,515	*28,626	28,970	28,753
DE	4,233	4,619	4,706	4,701	4,697	4,559
FL	2,915	2,603	*2,903	2,864	2,856	2,884
GA	28,313	28,004	*28,658	28,900	*28,302	28,646
MD	7,742	8,286	8,238	8,263	*8,611	8,462
MS	15,772	15,808	16,390	16,213	*15,614	16,358
NC	16,018	17,140	17,529	17,633	17,437	17,951
PA	3,335	3,313	3,393	3,548	*3,554	3,432
SC	4,342	4,338	4,338	4,335	4,337	4,356
TX	10,551	11,338	11,626	11,108	11,331	11,210
VA	6,182	6,194	6,359	6,351	*6,535	6,579
CA, TN, & WV	8,948	8,700	9,753	*9,138	*9,297	9,466
1996 Total	*160,190	*160,504	*166,302	*165,620	*165,207	166,367
1995 Total	160,027	160,939	165,367	165,750	164,548	163,591
% of Prev Yr	100	100	101	100	100	102

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 29	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20	Jul 27	Aug 3
	1,000					
AL	17,406	*17,570	16,729	*17,128	*16,070	16,913
AR	*22,892	*23,814	*22,663	*21,536	20,978	22,505
DE	4,878	5,459	5,258	4,485	5,633	4,993
FL	2,520	2,424	2,598	2,529	2,424	2,703
GA	23,409	24,082	23,241	23,459	*23,098	23,190
MD	6,584	5,866	5,570	5,818	5,400	6,231
MS	13,991	14,059	13,720	13,292	13,843	14,203
NC	13,402	14,078	14,315	12,796	13,378	13,814
PA	2,630	2,567	2,626	2,538	*2,645	2,672
SC	3,856	3,573	3,500	3,422	3,551	3,654
TX	8,324	8,409	8,486	7,513	8,327	8,599
VA	5,117	5,080	5,358	4,980	*4,866	4,727
CA, TN, & WV	9,840	9,072	9,396	*8,423	*8,578	9,559
1996 Total	*134,849	*136,053	*133,460	*127,919	*128,791	133,763
1995 Total	135,618	134,419	133,790	129,944	130,442	133,899
% of Prev Yr	99	101	100	98	99	100

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