

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 24, 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 Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 24, 1996. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through August 24, 1996, were 4.54 billion, slightly above the 4.52 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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 Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 20	Jul 27	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24
	1,000					
AL	23,940	23,791	23,972	24,093	23,839	24,225
AR	29,093	*29,061	*28,727	28,881	*29,152	27,903
DE	4,701	4,697	4,559	4,535	*4,479	4,432
FL	2,864	2,856	2,884	2,860	2,860	2,838
GA	28,900	28,674	*28,637	28,329	*27,907	28,841
MD	8,263	8,611	8,462	8,443	*8,727	8,617
MS	16,213	15,614	16,358	15,981	16,077	16,175
NC	17,633	17,610	17,951	17,699	17,469	17,465
PA	3,548	3,654	3,293	3,329	*3,644	3,606
SC	4,335	4,337	4,356	4,350	4,330	4,278
TX	11,470	11,331	11,210	11,393	11,128	11,767
VA	6,351	6,535	6,586	6,520	6,485	6,498
CA, TN, & WV	9,137	9,297	9,466	9,322	9,347	9,692
1996 Total	166,448	*166,068	*166,461	165,735	*165,444	166,337
1995 Total	165,750	164,548	163,591	162,869	164,564	163,456
% of Prev Yr	100	101	102	102	101	102

 Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 20	Jul 27	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24
	1,000					
AL	17,128	16,070	16,758	17,297	16,697	17,362
AR	21,536	*21,027	*22,490	*22,448	*22,807	22,731
DE	4,485	5,633	4,993	5,542	*5,313	5,333
FL	2,529	2,424	2,703	2,644	2,571	2,648
GA	23,458	22,917	23,196	23,290	*22,914	22,585
MD	5,818	5,400	6,231	5,396	*5,978	5,703
MS	13,292	13,867	14,036	14,075	13,521	14,043
NC	12,796	13,378	13,814	13,489	13,625	14,154
PA	2,538	2,645	2,672	2,674	*2,802	2,604
SC	3,422	3,551	3,654	3,434	*4,034	3,816
TX	7,513	8,327	8,599	8,372	8,115	8,392
VA	4,980	4,866	4,855	5,400	5,272	5,345
CA, TN, & WV	8,443	8,599	*9,563	*8,651	*8,065	8,872
1996 Total	127,938	*128,704	*133,564	*132,712	*131,714	133,588
1995 Total	129,944	130,442	133,899	133,019	131,899	130,139
% of Prev Yr	98	99	100	100	100	103

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