

# Broiler Hatchery



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## **Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 4 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 164 million eggs during the week ending September 7, 1996. This was up 4 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 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 133 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 7, 1996. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through September 7, 1996, were 4.81 billion, 1 percent above the 4.78 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sep 7
	1,000					
AL	23,972	24,093	*23,956	24,225	*23,132	23,911
AR	28,727	28,881	29,152	27,903	29,227	29,219
DE	4,559	4,535	4,479	4,413	4,288	4,364
FL	2,884	2,860	2,860	2,838	2,826	2,468
GA	28,637	28,374	27,907	28,906	*27,891	28,965
MD	8,462	8,443	8,727	8,617	8,242	8,114
MS	16,358	15,981	16,077	16,175	*16,185	16,121
NC	17,951	17,699	17,469	17,465	17,199	16,692
PA	3,293	3,329	3,644	3,593	*3,699	3,331
SC	4,356	4,350	4,330	4,278	*4,303	4,381
TX	11,210	11,393	11,320	11,921	11,923	11,769
VA	6,586	6,520	6,485	6,498	6,403	6,289
CA, TN, & WV	9,466	9,322	9,347	9,692	*9,231	8,386
1996 Total	166,461	165,780	*165,753	166,524	*164,549	164,010
1995 Total	163,591	162,869	164,564	163,456	161,881	157,422
% of Prev Yr	102	102	101	102	102	104

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sep 7
	1,000					
AL	16,758	17,297	16,694	17,360	*17,325	17,181
AR	22,490	22,448	22,807	22,731	23,768	23,080
DE	4,993	5,542	5,313	5,365	4,888	5,109
FL	2,703	2,644	2,571	2,648	2,567	2,508
GA	23,196	23,290	22,814	22,586	*22,961	22,629
MD	6,231	5,396	5,978	5,690	*5,956	6,326
MS	14,036	14,075	13,521	14,043	*13,265	13,112
NC	13,814	13,489	13,625	14,154	13,791	14,064
PA	2,672	2,674	2,702	2,601	*2,632	2,637
SC	3,654	3,434	*4,034	*3,880	*4,088	3,498
TX	8,595	8,369	8,299	8,391	8,268	8,353
VA	4,855	5,400	5,272	5,345	5,664	4,964
CA, TN, & WV	9,563	8,651	8,065	8,872	*8,649	9,154
1996 Total	133,560	132,709	*131,695	*133,666	*133,822	132,615
1995 Total	133,899	133,019	131,899	130,139	129,677	130,447
% of Prev Yr	100	100	100	103	103	102

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