

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 159 million eggs during the week ending September 14, 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 14, 1996. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through September 14, 1996, were 4.94 billion, 1 percent above the 4.91 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14
	1,000					
AL	24,093	23,956	24,225	23,132	23,911	23,504
AR	28,881	29,152	27,903	29,227	29,219	28,688
DE	4,535	4,479	4,413	4,288	4,364	4,348
FL	2,860	2,860	2,838	2,826	2,468	2,846
GA	28,374	27,907	28,906	27,891	*28,698	27,109
MD	8,443	8,727	8,617	8,242	8,114	7,839
MS	15,981	16,077	16,175	16,185	*16,156	16,178
NC	17,699	17,469	17,465	17,199	16,692	15,567
PA	3,329	3,644	3,593	3,699	*3,310	3,198
SC	4,350	4,330	4,278	4,303	4,381	4,317
TX	11,393	11,320	11,921	11,923	11,769	11,619
VA	6,520	6,485	6,498	6,403	6,289	5,958
CA, TN, & WV	*9,329	*9,349	*9,693	*9,206	*8,362	7,811
1996 Total	*165,787	*165,755	*166,525	*164,524	*163,733	158,982
1995 Total	162,869	164,564	163,456	161,881	157,422	156,572
% of Prev Yr	102	101	102	102	104	102

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14
	1,000					
AL	17,297	16,694	17,360	17,325	*17,017	17,556
AR	22,448	22,807	22,731	23,768	23,080	22,087
DE	5,542	5,313	5,365	4,888	5,109	5,470
FL	2,644	2,571	2,648	2,567	2,508	2,447
GA	23,290	22,814	22,586	22,961	*22,847	23,383
MD	5,396	5,978	5,690	5,956	6,326	5,620
MS	14,075	13,521	14,043	13,265	13,112	13,900
NC	13,489	13,625	14,154	13,791	14,064	13,634
PA	2,674	2,702	2,601	2,632	*2,606	2,605
SC	3,434	4,034	3,880	4,088	3,498	3,636
TX	8,369	8,299	8,391	8,268	8,353	8,772
VA	5,400	5,272	5,345	5,664	4,964	5,326
CA, TN, & WV	*8,662	*8,083	*8,887	*8,662	*8,660	9,242
1996 Total	*132,720	*131,713	*133,681	*133,835	*132,144	133,678
1995 Total	133,019	131,899	130,139	129,677	130,447	129,040
% of Prev Yr	100	100	103	103	101	104

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