

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 156 million eggs during the week ending September 21, 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 Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 132 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 21, 1996. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through September 21, 1996, were 5.07 billion, 1 percent above the 5.04 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21
	1,000					
AL	23,956	24,225	*24,312	23,911	*23,505	23,282
AR	29,152	27,903	29,227	29,219	28,688	27,671
DE	4,479	4,413	4,288	4,364	4,348	4,160
FL	2,860	2,838	2,826	2,468	2,846	2,807
GA	27,907	*28,936	*27,799	*28,288	*26,745	26,810
MD	8,727	8,617	8,242	8,114	*7,793	7,734
MS	16,077	16,175	16,185	16,156	16,178	15,453
NC	17,469	17,465	17,199	16,692	15,567	15,272
PA	3,644	3,593	3,699	3,310	*3,204	3,230
SC	4,330	4,278	4,303	4,381	4,317	4,319
TX	11,320	11,921	*11,935	*11,781	*11,562	10,809
VA	6,485	6,498	6,403	6,289	5,958	5,497
CA, TN, & WV	9,349	9,693	9,206	8,362	7,811	8,730
1996 Total	165,755	*166,555	*165,624	*163,335	*158,522	155,774
1995 Total	164,564	163,456	161,881	157,422	156,572	155,566
% of Prev Yr	101	102	102	104	101	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21
	1,000					
AL	16,694	17,360	17,325	17,017	*17,562	16,069
AR	22,807	22,731	23,768	23,080	22,087	23,487
DE	5,313	5,365	4,888	5,109	*5,704	5,861
FL	2,571	2,648	2,567	2,508	2,447	2,538
GA	*22,871	22,586	22,961	*22,852	*23,756	22,950
MD	5,978	5,690	5,956	6,326	*5,417	5,072
MS	13,521	14,043	13,265	13,112	13,900	14,008
NC	13,625	14,154	13,791	14,064	13,634	13,642
PA	2,702	2,601	2,632	2,606	*2,597	2,685
SC	4,034	3,880	4,088	*3,561	*3,286	3,509
TX	8,299	8,391	8,268	8,353	8,772	8,727
VA	5,272	5,345	5,664	4,964	5,326	4,599
CA, TN, & WV	8,083	8,887	8,662	8,660	9,242	8,827
1996 Total	*131,770	133,681	133,835	*132,212	*133,730	131,974
1995 Total	131,899	130,139	129,677	130,447	129,040	129,432
% of Prev Yr	100	103	103	101	104	102

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