

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 5 percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 157 million eggs during the week ending September 28, 1996. This was down 5 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 131 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 28, 1996. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through September 28, 1996, were 5.20 billion, 1 percent above the 5.16 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28
	1,000					
AL	24,225	24,312	23,911	23,505	23,282	23,036
AR	27,903	29,227	29,219	28,688	27,671	26,774
DE	4,413	4,288	4,364	4,348	4,160	4,250
FL	2,838	2,826	2,468	2,846	2,807	2,698
GA	28,936	27,799	*28,329	26,745	*26,774	27,022
MD	8,617	8,242	8,114	7,793	7,734	8,279
MS	16,175	16,185	16,156	16,178	15,453	15,216
NC	17,465	17,199	16,692	15,567	15,272	16,265
PA	3,593	3,699	3,310	3,204	*3,148	3,419
SC	4,278	4,303	4,381	4,317	4,319	4,081
TX	11,921	11,935	*11,963	11,562	10,809	10,826
VA	6,498	6,403	6,289	5,958	5,497	6,282
CA, TN, & WV	9,693	*9,208	8,362	*8,165	*9,038	9,033
1996 Total	166,555	*165,626	*163,558	*158,876	*155,964	157,181
1995 Total	163,456	161,881	157,422	156,572	155,566	165,103
% of Prev Yr	102	102	104	101	100	95

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28
	1,000					
AL	*17,282	*17,247	*16,939	*17,485	*17,134	16,983
AR	22,731	23,768	23,080	22,087	23,487	23,116
DE	5,365	4,888	5,109	5,704	5,861	5,167
FL	2,648	2,567	2,508	2,447	2,538	2,407
GA	22,586	22,961	22,852	23,756	*22,951	23,108
MD	5,690	5,956	6,326	5,417	5,072	5,632
MS	14,043	13,265	13,112	13,900	14,008	13,989
NC	14,154	13,791	14,064	13,634	13,642	12,973
PA	2,601	2,632	2,606	2,597	*2,709	2,591
SC	3,880	4,088	3,561	3,286	3,509	3,420
TX	8,391	8,268	8,353	*8,768	8,727	8,745
VA	5,345	5,664	4,964	5,326	4,599	5,083
CA, TN, & WV	8,887	*8,667	8,660	*9,219	*8,822	8,155
1996 Total	*133,603	*133,762	*132,134	*133,626	*133,059	131,369
1995 Total	130,139	129,677	130,447	129,040	129,432	124,862
% of Prev Yr	103	103	101	104	103	105

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