

# Broiler Hatchery



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## Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 163 million eggs during the week ending October 5, 1996. This was down 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 127 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 5, 1996. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through October 5, 1996, were 5.33 billion, 1 percent above the 5.29 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 5
	1,000					
AL	24,312	23,911	23,505	23,282	23,036	23,639
AR	29,227	29,219	28,688	27,671	26,774	28,535
DE	4,288	4,364	4,348	4,160	4,250	4,329
FL	2,826	2,468	2,846	2,807	2,698	2,635
GA	27,799	28,329	*26,570	26,774	*27,152	28,369
MD	8,242	8,114	7,793	7,734	8,279	7,916
MS	16,185	16,156	16,178	15,453	15,216	16,474
NC	17,199	16,692	*15,535	15,272	16,265	16,344
PA	3,699	3,310	3,204	3,148	3,419	3,372
SC	4,303	4,381	4,317	4,319	4,081	4,410
TX	11,935	11,963	11,562	10,809	10,826	11,578
VA	6,403	6,289	5,958	5,497	*6,311	6,509
CA, TN, & WV	9,208	8,362	8,165	9,038	9,033	8,617
1996 Total	165,626	163,558	*158,669	155,964	*157,340	162,727
1995 Total	161,881	157,422	156,572	155,566	165,103	162,799
% of Prev Yr	102	104	101	100	95	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 5
	1,000					
AL	17,247	16,939	17,485	17,134	16,983	16,970
AR	23,768	23,080	22,087	23,487	23,116	22,433
DE	4,888	5,109	5,704	5,861	5,167	4,591
FL	2,567	2,508	2,447	2,538	2,407	2,529
GA	22,961	22,852	23,756	22,951	*23,090	21,264
MD	5,956	6,326	5,417	5,072	5,632	5,884
MS	13,265	13,112	13,900	14,008	13,989	13,858
NC	13,791	14,064	13,634	13,642	12,973	11,914
PA	2,632	2,606	2,597	2,709	2,591	2,462
SC	4,088	3,561	3,286	3,509	3,420	3,782
TX	8,268	*8,360	*8,775	*8,734	*8,748	8,587
VA	5,664	4,964	5,326	4,599	*5,106	4,573
CA, TN, & WV	8,667	*8,678	*9,232	*8,840	*8,082	7,826
1996 Total	133,762	*132,159	*133,646	*133,084	*131,304	126,673
1995 Total	129,677	130,447	129,040	129,432	124,862	124,964
% of Prev Yr	103	101	104	103	105	101

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