

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 157 million eggs during the week ending October 12, 1996. This was down 1 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 124 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 12, 1996. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through October 12, 1996, were 5.45 billion, 1 percent above the 5.41 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 5	Oct 12
	1,000					
AL	23,911	23,505	23,282	23,036	23,639	21,612
AR	29,219	28,688	27,671	26,774	28,535	27,454
DE	4,364	4,348	4,160	4,250	4,329	4,202
FL	2,468	2,846	*2,837	2,698	2,635	2,630
GA	28,329	26,570	*26,518	*27,141	*28,704	28,256
MD	8,114	7,793	7,734	8,279	7,916	7,790
MS	16,156	16,178	15,453	15,216	16,474	16,002
NC	16,692	15,535	15,272	16,265	16,344	15,554
PA	3,310	3,204	3,148	3,419	*3,310	3,310
SC	4,381	4,317	4,319	4,081	4,410	4,176
TX	11,963	11,562	10,809	10,826	*11,438	11,445
VA	6,289	5,958	5,497	6,311	6,509	6,281
CA, TN, & WV	8,362	8,165	*8,539	9,033	8,617	8,076
1996 Total	163,558	158,669	*155,239	*157,329	*162,860	156,788
1995 Total	157,422	156,572	155,566	165,103	162,799	158,849
% of Prev Yr	104	101	100	95	100	99

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 5	Oct 12
	1,000					
AL	16,939	17,485	17,134	16,983	16,970	16,857
AR	23,080	22,087	23,487	23,116	22,433	21,883
DE	5,109	5,704	5,861	5,167	4,591	4,780
FL	2,508	2,447	2,538	2,407	2,529	2,524
GA	22,852	23,756	22,951	23,090	*21,258	21,470
MD	6,326	5,417	5,072	5,632	5,884	5,324
MS	13,112	13,900	14,008	13,989	13,858	13,363
NC	14,064	13,634	13,642	12,973	11,914	12,164
PA	2,606	2,597	2,709	2,591	*2,383	2,310
SC	3,561	3,286	3,509	3,420	3,782	3,176
TX	8,360	8,775	8,734	8,748	8,587	8,083
VA	4,964	5,326	4,599	5,106	4,573	4,178
CA, TN, & WV	8,678	9,232	8,840	8,082	7,826	8,171
1996 Total	132,159	133,646	133,084	131,304	*126,588	124,283
1995 Total	130,447	129,040	129,432	124,862	124,964	123,475
% of Prev Yr	101	104	103	105	101	101

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