

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 155 million eggs during the week ending October 19, 1996. This was up 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 Down 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 126 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 19, 1996. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through October 19, 1996, were 5.58 billion, 1 percent above the 5.54 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19
	1,000					
AL	23,505	23,282	23,036	23,639	21,612	23,993
AR	28,688	27,671	26,774	28,535	27,454	26,903
DE	4,348	4,160	4,250	4,329	4,202	3,797
FL	2,846	2,837	2,698	2,635	2,630	2,456
GA	26,570	26,518	*26,762	28,704	*28,102	25,832
MD	7,793	7,734	8,279	7,916	*7,834	7,301
MS	16,178	15,453	15,216	16,474	16,002	15,801
NC	15,535	15,272	*15,968	*16,375	*15,423	15,398
PA	3,204	3,148	3,419	3,310	*3,225	3,204
SC	4,317	4,319	4,081	4,410	4,176	4,032
TX	11,562	10,809	10,826	11,438	*11,125	11,050
VA	5,958	5,497	6,311	6,509	*6,121	5,960
CA, TN, & WV	8,165	8,539	9,033	8,617	8,076	9,479
1996 Total	158,669	155,239	*156,653	*162,891	*155,982	155,206
1995 Total	156,572	155,566	165,103	162,799	158,849	153,734
% of Prev Yr	101	100	95	100	98	101

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19
	1,000					
AL	17,485	17,134	16,983	16,970	16,857	17,214
AR	22,087	23,487	23,116	22,433	21,883	21,272
DE	5,704	5,861	5,167	4,591	*4,769	4,885
FL	2,447	2,538	2,407	2,529	2,524	2,462
GA	23,756	22,951	23,090	21,258	*21,472	21,635
MD	5,417	5,072	5,632	5,884	*5,350	5,374
MS	13,900	14,008	13,989	13,858	13,363	13,293
NC	13,634	13,642	12,973	*11,902	*12,137	12,557
PA	2,597	2,709	2,591	2,383	*2,291	2,526
SC	3,286	3,509	3,420	3,782	3,176	3,169
TX	8,775	8,734	8,748	8,587	*7,780	7,881
VA	5,326	4,599	5,106	4,573	*4,172	5,195
CA, TN, & WV	9,232	8,840	8,082	7,826	*8,220	8,368
1996 Total	133,646	133,084	131,304	*126,576	*123,994	125,831
1995 Total	129,040	129,432	124,862	124,964	123,475	131,202
% of Prev Yr	104	103	105	101	100	96

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