

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 151 million eggs during the week ending October 26, 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 130 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 26, 1996. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through October 26, 1996, were 5.71 billion, 1 percent above the 5.67 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26
	1,000					
AL	23,282	23,036	23,639	21,612	23,993	21,490
AR	*27,745	*26,785	*28,498	*27,381	*27,038	26,126
DE	4,160	4,250	4,329	4,202	3,797	4,077
FL	2,837	2,698	*2,655	2,630	2,456	2,689
GA	26,518	26,762	28,704	28,102	*25,190	25,466
MD	7,734	8,279	7,916	7,834	7,301	8,085
MS	15,453	15,216	16,474	16,002	15,801	13,724
NC	15,272	15,968	*16,632	15,423	15,398	16,092
PA	3,148	3,419	3,310	3,225	*3,212	3,337
SC	4,319	4,081	4,410	4,176	4,032	4,071
TX	*10,476	*10,823	*11,489	*11,454	11,050	10,583
VA	5,497	6,311	6,509	6,121	5,960	6,085
CA, TN, & WV	*8,543	*9,044	8,617	8,076	9,479	9,303
1996 Total	*154,984	*156,672	*163,182	*156,238	*154,707	151,128
1995 Total	155,566	165,103	162,799	158,849	153,734	152,265
% of Prev Yr	100	95	100	98	101	99

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26
	1,000					
AL	17,134	16,983	16,970	16,857	17,214	17,052
AR	*23,627	*23,214	*22,505	*21,600	*21,300	22,350
DE	5,861	5,167	4,591	4,769	*4,868	4,815
FL	2,538	2,407	2,529	2,524	2,462	2,676
GA	22,951	23,090	21,258	21,472	*21,324	22,656
MD	5,072	5,632	5,884	5,350	*5,380	5,567
MS	14,008	13,989	13,858	13,363	13,293	13,498
NC	13,642	12,973	11,902	12,137	12,557	13,001
PA	2,709	2,591	2,383	2,291	*2,489	2,514
SC	3,509	3,420	3,782	3,176	3,169	4,027
TX	8,734	8,748	8,587	7,780	7,881	8,490
VA	4,599	5,106	4,573	4,172	5,195	5,351
CA, TN, & WV	8,840	*8,081	7,826	8,220	8,368	7,779
1996 Total	*133,224	*131,401	*126,648	*123,711	*125,500	129,776
1995 Total	129,432	124,862	124,964	123,475	131,202	131,585
% of Prev Yr	103	105	101	100	96	99

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