

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 159 million eggs during the week ending November 2, 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 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 125 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 2, 1996. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through November 2, 1996, were 5.84 billion, 1 percent above the 5.80 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 28	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26	Nov 2
	1,000					
AL	23,036	23,639	21,612	23,993	21,490	22,620
AR	26,785	28,498	27,381	27,038	26,126	26,920
DE	4,250	4,329	4,202	3,797	*4,047	4,462
FL	2,698	2,655	2,630	2,456	2,689	2,606
GA	26,762	*28,645	28,102	*25,069	*25,387	27,467
MD	8,279	7,916	7,834	7,301	8,085	8,314
MS	15,216	16,474	16,002	15,801	13,724	14,971
NC	15,968	16,632	*15,394	15,398	16,092	16,780
PA	3,419	3,310	3,225	3,212	3,337	3,349
SC	4,081	4,410	4,176	4,032	4,071	4,244
TX	10,823	*11,439	*11,458	11,050	*10,544	11,141
VA	6,311	6,509	6,121	5,960	6,085	5,747
CA, TN, & WV	9,044	8,617	8,076	9,479	9,303	10,077
1996 Total	156,672	*163,073	*156,213	*154,586	*150,980	158,698
1995 Total	165,103	162,799	158,849	153,734	152,265	156,840
% of Prev Yr	95	100	98	101	99	101

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 28	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26	Nov 2
	1,000					
AL	16,983	16,970	16,857	17,214	17,052	15,414
AR	23,214	22,505	21,600	21,300	22,350	21,641
DE	5,167	4,591	4,769	4,868	*4,835	4,483
FL	2,407	2,529	2,524	2,462	2,676	2,578
GA	23,090	21,258	21,472	*21,338	*22,676	22,944
MD	5,632	5,884	5,350	5,380	*5,550	5,572
MS	13,989	13,858	13,363	13,293	13,498	13,170
NC	12,973	11,902	*12,109	12,557	13,001	12,609
PA	2,591	2,383	2,291	2,489	2,514	2,397
SC	3,420	3,782	3,176	3,169	4,027	3,520
TX	8,748	8,587	*7,781	*7,882	*8,491	8,367
VA	5,106	4,573	4,172	5,195	5,351	4,983
CA, TN, & WV	8,081	7,826	*8,155	8,368	*8,051	7,723
1996 Total	131,401	126,648	*123,619	*125,515	*130,072	125,401
1995 Total	124,862	124,964	123,475	131,202	131,585	127,500
% of Prev Yr	105	101	100	96	99	98

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