

# Broiler Hatchery



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## Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 164 million eggs during the week ending November 16, 1996. This was down 2 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 120 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 16, 1996. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through November 16, 1996, were 6.08 billion, 1 percent above the 6.04 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16
	1,000					
AL	21,612	23,847	*20,935	22,620	23,617	23,811
AR	27,381	27,038	26,126	26,920	28,312	29,162
DE	4,202	3,797	4,047	4,462	4,355	4,170
FL	2,630	2,696	2,689	2,606	2,809	2,815
GA	28,102	25,702	*25,918	27,486	*28,474	28,380
MD	7,839	7,301	8,085	8,314	*8,747	8,379
MS	16,002	15,801	13,724	14,971	16,221	16,637
NC	15,394	15,398	16,092	16,780	16,914	15,614
PA	3,225	3,212	3,249	3,349	3,387	3,374
SC	4,176	4,032	4,071	4,244	4,280	4,410
TX	11,458	10,692	*10,181	11,111	11,510	11,428
VA	6,121	5,960	6,085	5,561	6,603	6,580
CA, TN, & WV	8,076	9,479	9,303	10,077	9,589	9,141
1996 Total	156,218	154,955	*150,505	158,501	*164,818	163,901
1995 Total	158,849	153,734	152,265	156,840	166,859	166,879
% of Prev Yr	98	101	99	101	99	98

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16
	1,000					
AL	16,857	17,214	17,052	15,414	16,592	14,843
AR	21,600	21,300	22,350	21,641	20,969	20,094
DE	4,769	4,868	4,835	4,483	*4,670	4,712
FL	2,524	2,462	2,676	2,578	2,422	2,386
GA	21,472	21,338	22,676	22,948	*21,029	20,752
MD	5,347	5,698	5,550	5,569	*4,745	5,570
MS	13,363	13,293	13,498	13,170	13,971	12,218
NC	12,109	12,557	13,001	12,609	12,519	12,568
PA	2,291	2,489	2,516	2,397	2,224	2,346
SC	3,176	3,169	4,027	3,520	3,376	3,595
TX	7,781	7,882	8,491	8,367	7,706	7,266
VA	4,172	5,195	5,351	5,002	4,704	4,724
CA, TN, & WV	8,155	8,368	8,051	7,723	9,085	8,784
1996 Total	123,616	125,833	130,074	125,421	*124,012	119,858
1995 Total	123,475	131,202	131,585	127,500	122,764	121,352
% of Prev Yr	100	96	99	98	101	99

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