

# 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 167 million eggs during the week ending November 23, 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 126 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 23, 1996. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through November 23, 1996, were 6.21 billion, 1 percent above the 6.17 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 19	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23
	1,000					
AL	23,847	20,935	22,620	23,617	*23,785	24,337
AR	27,038	26,126	26,920	28,312	29,162	29,438
DE	3,797	4,047	4,462	4,355	4,170	4,563
FL	2,696	2,689	2,606	2,809	2,815	2,579
GA	25,702	25,918	*27,289	28,474	*29,310	29,598
MD	7,301	8,085	8,314	8,747	8,379	8,419
MS	15,801	13,724	14,971	16,221	16,637	14,984
NC	15,398	16,092	16,780	16,914	15,614	16,708
PA	3,212	3,249	*3,495	*3,642	*3,632	3,642
SC	4,032	4,071	4,244	4,280	*4,406	4,408
TX	10,692	10,181	*11,323	11,510	*11,414	12,117
VA	5,960	6,085	5,561	6,603	6,580	6,608
CA, TN, & WV	9,479	9,303	10,077	9,589	*9,161	9,733
1996 Total	154,955	150,505	*158,662	*165,073	*165,065	167,134
1995 Total	153,734	152,265	156,840	166,859	166,879	169,350
% of Prev Yr	101	99	101	99	99	99

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 19	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23
	1,000					
AL	17,214	17,052	15,414	16,592	*14,852	16,207
AR	21,300	22,350	21,641	20,969	20,094	20,455
DE	4,868	4,835	4,483	4,670	4,712	4,087
FL	2,462	2,676	2,578	2,422	2,386	2,275
GA	21,338	22,676	22,948	21,029	*20,965	22,441
MD	5,698	5,550	5,569	4,745	5,570	6,615
MS	13,293	13,498	13,170	13,971	12,218	13,090
NC	12,557	13,001	12,609	12,519	12,568	13,279
PA	2,489	2,516	*2,425	*2,207	*2,374	2,561
SC	3,169	4,027	3,520	3,376	*3,665	3,218
TX	7,882	8,491	8,367	7,706	*7,265	8,261
VA	5,195	5,351	5,002	4,704	4,724	4,392
CA, TN, & WV	8,368	8,051	7,723	9,085	8,784	9,329
1996 Total	125,833	130,074	*125,449	*123,995	*120,177	126,210
1995 Total	131,202	131,585	127,500	122,764	121,352	125,831
% of Prev Yr	96	99	98	101	99	100

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