

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 169 million eggs during the week ending November 30, 1996. This was down slightly 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 30, 1996. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through November 30, 1996, were 6.34 billion, 1 percent above the 6.30 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30
	1,000					
AL	20,935	22,620	23,617	23,785	*24,359	24,979
AR	26,126	26,920	28,312	29,162	29,438	28,821
DE	4,047	4,462	4,355	4,170	4,563	4,278
FL	2,689	2,606	2,809	2,815	2,579	2,885
GA	25,918	27,289	*28,536	29,310	*29,678	29,673
MD	8,085	8,314	8,747	8,379	*8,571	8,655
MS	13,724	14,971	16,221	16,637	14,984	16,835
NC	16,092	16,780	*16,928	15,614	16,708	16,796
PA	3,249	3,495	3,642	3,632	*3,663	3,546
SC	4,071	4,244	4,280	4,406	4,408	4,322
TX	10,181	11,323	*12,079	11,414	*12,168	12,060
VA	6,085	5,561	6,603	6,580	6,608	6,546
CA, TN, & WV	9,303	10,077	9,589	9,161	9,733	9,999
1996 Total	150,505	158,662	*165,718	165,065	*167,460	169,395
1995 Total	152,265	156,840	166,859	166,879	169,350	170,026
% of Prev Yr	99	101	99	99	99	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30
	1,000					
AL	17,052	15,414	16,592	14,852	*16,206	17,101
AR	22,350	21,641	20,969	20,094	20,455	23,121
DE	4,835	4,483	4,670	4,712	*3,822	5,627
FL	2,676	2,578	2,422	2,386	2,275	2,488
GA	22,676	22,948	*21,027	20,965	*22,460	23,380
MD	5,550	5,569	4,745	5,570	*6,886	5,717
MS	13,498	13,170	13,971	12,218	13,090	14,232
NC	13,001	12,609	12,519	12,568	13,279	13,715
PA	2,516	2,425	2,207	2,374	*2,673	2,554
SC	4,027	3,520	3,376	3,665	3,218	3,427
TX	8,491	8,367	7,706	7,265	8,261	8,783
VA	5,351	5,002	4,704	4,724	4,392	4,927
CA, TN, & WV	8,051	7,723	9,085	8,784	9,329	9,210
1996 Total	130,074	125,449	*123,993	120,177	*126,346	134,282
1995 Total	131,585	127,500	122,764	121,352	125,831	135,394
% of Prev Yr	99	98	101	99	100	99

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