

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 167 million eggs during the week ending December 7, 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 7, 1996. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through December 7, 1996, were 6.47 billion, 1 percent above the 6.44 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7
	1,000					
AL	22,620	23,617	*24,471	24,359	24,979	24,794
AR	26,920	28,312	29,162	29,438	28,821	28,976
DE	4,462	4,355	4,170	4,563	4,278	3,728
FL	2,606	2,809	2,815	2,579	2,885	2,932
GA	27,289	28,536	*29,415	29,678	*29,735	29,163
MD	8,314	8,747	8,379	8,571	8,655	8,563
MS	14,971	16,221	16,637	14,984	16,835	16,862
NC	16,780	16,928	15,614	16,708	16,796	16,721
PA	3,495	3,642	3,632	3,663	3,546	3,494
SC	4,244	4,280	4,406	4,408	4,322	4,293
TX	11,323	12,079	*11,988	12,168	*12,232	12,051
VA	5,561	6,603	6,580	6,608	6,546	6,546
CA, TN, & WV	*10,100	*9,600	*9,197	*9,732	*9,994	9,308
1996 Total	*158,685	*165,729	*166,466	*167,459	*169,624	167,431
1995 Total	156,840	166,859	166,879	169,350	170,026	165,174
% of Prev Yr	101	99	100	99	100	101

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7
	1,000					
AL	15,414	16,592	14,852	16,206	17,101	17,890
AR	21,641	20,969	20,094	20,455	23,121	23,170
DE	4,483	4,670	4,712	3,822	5,627	5,262
FL	2,578	2,422	2,386	2,275	2,488	2,613
GA	22,948	21,027	*20,948	22,460	*23,324	23,996
MD	5,569	4,745	5,570	6,886	*5,718	5,636
MS	13,170	13,971	12,218	13,090	14,232	14,487
NC	12,609	12,519	12,568	13,279	13,715	12,785
PA	2,425	2,207	2,374	2,673	2,554	2,495
SC	3,520	3,376	3,665	3,218	3,427	3,479
TX	*8,363	*7,702	*7,261	8,261	*8,784	8,897
VA	5,002	4,704	4,724	4,392	4,927	5,153
CA, TN, & WV	*7,711	9,085	8,784	*9,348	*9,218	8,596
1996 Total	*125,433	*123,989	*120,156	*126,365	*134,236	134,459
1995 Total	127,500	122,764	121,352	125,831	135,394	134,085
% of Prev Yr	98	101	99	100	99	100

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