

# 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 170 million eggs during the week ending December 14, 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 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 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 14, 1996. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through December 14, 1996, were 6.61 billion, 1 percent above the 6.57 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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 Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States  
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State	Week Ending					
	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 14
	1,000					
AL	*24,478	*25,025	*24,913	*25,534	*25,246	25,200
AR	28,312	29,162	29,438	28,821	28,976	29,226
DE	4,355	4,170	4,563	4,278	3,728	4,582
FL	2,809	2,815	2,579	2,885	2,932	2,816
GA	28,536	29,415	*29,294	29,735	*29,112	29,269
MD	8,747	8,379	8,571	8,655	*8,469	8,439
MS	16,221	16,637	*15,555	16,835	*16,927	17,056
NC	16,928	15,614	16,708	16,796	16,721	16,759
PA	3,642	3,632	3,663	3,546	*3,498	3,607
SC	4,280	4,406	4,408	4,322	4,293	4,292
TX	12,079	11,988	12,168	12,232	12,051	12,164
VA	6,603	6,580	6,608	6,546	6,546	6,546
CA, TN, & WV	9,600	9,197	*9,731	*9,993	*9,478	9,607
1996 Total	*166,590	*167,020	*168,199	*170,178	*167,977	169,563
1995 Total	166,859	166,879	169,350	170,026	165,174	167,236
% of Prev Yr	100	100	99	100	102	101

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 Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States  
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State	Week Ending					
	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 14
	1,000					
AL	*17,032	*15,266	*16,652	*17,545	*18,322	18,765
AR	20,969	20,094	20,455	23,121	23,170	22,858
DE	4,670	4,712	3,822	5,627	*5,455	5,042
FL	2,422	2,386	2,275	2,488	2,613	2,319
GA	21,027	20,948	22,460	23,324	*24,004	23,516
MD	4,745	5,570	6,886	5,718	*5,312	5,780
MS	13,971	12,218	13,090	14,232	14,487	13,143
NC	12,519	12,568	13,279	13,715	12,785	13,025
PA	2,207	2,374	2,673	2,554	*2,415	2,610
SC	3,376	3,665	3,218	3,427	3,479	3,790
TX	7,702	7,261	8,261	8,784	8,897	8,864
VA	4,704	4,724	4,392	4,927	5,153	5,158
CA, TN, & WV	9,085	8,784	9,348	9,218	*8,603	9,197
1996 Total	*124,429	*120,570	*126,811	*134,680	*134,695	134,067
1995 Total	122,764	121,352	125,831	135,394	134,085	135,231
% of Prev Yr	101	99	101	99	100	99

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