

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 171 million eggs during the week ending December 28, 1996. This was up 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 28, 1996. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through December 28, 1996, were 6.88 billion, 1 percent above the 6.84 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 28
	1,000					
AL	24,913	25,534	25,246	25,200	25,306	25,558
AR	*29,372	*28,711	*29,038	*29,276	*29,511	29,341
DE	4,563	4,097	4,048	4,302	4,457	4,305
FL	2,579	2,885	2,932	2,816	2,840	2,831
GA	29,294	29,735	*29,098	29,213	*29,375	29,683
MD	8,571	8,655	8,469	8,433	8,680	8,701
MS	15,555	17,119	16,927	17,056	16,869	17,192
NC	16,708	16,808	*16,749	16,759	16,893	16,905
PA	3,663	3,546	3,498	3,678	3,648	3,631
SC	4,408	4,322	4,293	4,293	4,404	4,497
TX	12,168	12,232	*12,052	12,129	12,226	12,182
VA	6,608	6,546	6,546	*6,521	6,499	6,492
CA, TN, & WV	9,731	9,993	9,478	9,607	*9,528	9,468
1996 Total	*168,133	*170,183	*168,374	*169,283	*170,236	170,786
1995 Total	169,350	170,026	165,174	167,236	166,622	166,749
% of Prev Yr	99	100	102	101	102	102

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 28
	1,000					
AL	16,652	17,545	18,322	18,765	18,138	17,890
AR	*20,779	*23,171	*23,164	*22,915	*23,266	23,152
DE	3,822	5,799	5,598	5,040	4,931	4,641
FL	2,275	2,488	2,613	2,319	2,564	2,761
GA	22,460	23,324	23,997	23,523	*24,139	23,714
MD	6,886	5,607	5,080	6,141	*6,028	6,017
MS	13,090	14,232	14,487	13,143	13,922	13,296
NC	13,279	13,715	12,785	13,025	*13,101	13,378
PA	2,673	2,554	2,415	2,633	2,540	2,528
SC	3,218	3,427	3,479	3,781	3,968	3,724
TX	8,261	8,784	8,897	8,864	8,945	8,845
VA	4,392	4,927	5,153	*5,104	5,129	5,048
CA, TN, & WV	9,348	9,218	8,603	*9,179	*9,463	8,815
1996 Total	*127,135	*134,791	*134,593	*134,432	*136,134	133,809
1995 Total	125,831	135,394	134,085	135,231	134,283	132,064
% of Prev Yr	101	100	100	99	101	101

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