

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 171 million eggs during the week ending January 4, 1997. 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 136 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 4, 1997. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1996.

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 Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending <u>1</u> /					
	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 28	Jan 4
	1,000					
AL	25,534	25,246	25,200	25,306	25,558	25,415
AR	28,711	29,038	29,276	29,511	29,341	29,328
DE	4,097	4,048	4,302	4,457	4,305	4,353
FL	2,885	2,932	2,816	2,840	2,831	2,717
GA	29,735	29,098	29,213	29,375	*29,689	29,534
MD	8,655	8,469	*8,574	8,680	8,701	8,743
MS	17,119	16,927	17,056	16,869	17,192	17,061
NC	16,808	16,749	16,759	*16,935	*16,959	17,206
PA	3,546	3,498	3,678	*3,715	3,631	3,619
SC	4,322	4,293	4,293	4,404	4,497	4,410
TX	12,232	*12,155	*12,180	*12,083	*12,305	11,942
VA	6,546	6,546	*6,579	*6,525	*6,479	6,526
CA, TN, & WV	9,993	9,478	9,607	9,528	*9,687	9,667
1997 Total	170,183	*168,477	*169,533	*170,228	*171,175	170,521
1996 Total	170,026	165,174	167,236	166,622	166,749	168,181
% of Prev Yr	100	102	101	102	103	101

 Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending <u>1</u> /					
	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 28	Jan 4
	1,000					
AL	17,545	18,322	18,765	18,138	17,890	18,380
AR	23,171	23,164	22,915	23,266	23,152	23,213
DE	5,799	5,598	5,040	4,931	*4,652	5,058
FL	2,488	2,613	2,319	2,564	2,761	2,497
GA	23,324	23,997	23,523	*24,225	*23,814	23,385
MD	5,607	5,080	6,141	6,028	*6,038	5,776
MS	14,232	14,487	13,143	13,922	*14,603	14,718
NC	13,715	12,785	13,025	13,101	*13,331	13,279
PA	*2,525	2,415	2,633	*2,556	2,528	2,660
SC	3,427	3,479	3,781	3,968	3,724	3,819
TX	8,784	8,897	*8,863	*8,946	8,845	8,838
VA	4,927	5,153	*5,123	*5,233	*5,132	4,774
CA, TN, & WV	9,218	8,603	9,179	*9,403	*8,770	9,277
1997 Total	*134,762	134,593	*134,450	*136,281	*135,240	135,674
1996 Total	135,394	134,085	135,231	134,283	132,064	135,189
% of Prev Yr	100	100	99	101	102	100

* Revised. 1/ Previous year except January.