

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 168 million eggs during the week ending January 11, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 136 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 11, 1997. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through January 11, 1997 were 272 million, 1 percent above the 270 million placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending <u>1</u> /					
	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 28	Jan 4	Jan 11
	1,000					
AL	25,246	25,200	25,306	25,558	25,415	25,286
AR	29,038	29,276	29,511	29,341	29,328	29,111
DE	4,048	4,302	*4,454	*4,390	4,353	4,329
FL	2,932	2,816	2,840	2,831	2,717	2,737
GA	29,098	29,213	*29,097	29,689	*29,541	28,965
MD	8,469	8,574	*8,770	8,701	8,743	8,485
MS	16,927	17,056	16,869	17,192	17,061	16,952
NC	16,749	16,759	16,935	*17,001	17,206	16,568
PA	3,498	3,678	3,715	*3,668	3,619	3,644
SC	4,293	4,293	4,404	4,497	4,410	4,319
TX	12,155	12,180	*12,082	12,305	*11,978	12,105
VA	6,546	6,579	6,525	6,479	*6,555	6,642
CA, TN, & WV	9,478	9,607	9,528	9,687	9,667	9,349
1997 Total	168,477	169,533	*170,036	*171,339	*170,593	168,492
1996 Total	165,174	167,236	166,622	166,749	168,181	167,329
% of Prev Yr	102	101	102	103	101	101

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending <u>1</u> /					
	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 28	Jan 4	Jan 11
	1,000					
AL	18,322	18,765	18,138	17,890	18,380	17,765
AR	23,164	22,915	23,266	23,152	23,213	23,150
DE	5,598	5,040	*4,635	*4,266	5,058	5,037
FL	2,613	2,319	2,564	2,761	2,497	2,696
GA	23,997	23,523	24,225	23,814	*23,419	23,596
MD	5,080	6,141	*6,352	*6,259	5,776	6,105
MS	14,487	13,143	13,922	14,603	14,718	14,501
NC	12,785	13,025	13,101	13,331	13,279	13,585
PA	2,415	2,633	2,556	*2,567	2,660	2,689
SC	3,479	3,781	3,968	3,724	3,819	3,562
TX	8,897	8,863	8,946	8,845	8,838	8,992
VA	5,153	*5,169	5,233	5,132	*4,789	5,303
CA, TN, & WV	8,603	9,179	9,403	8,770	9,277	9,168
1997 Total	134,593	*134,496	*136,309	*135,114	*135,723	136,149
1996 Total	134,085	135,231	134,283	132,064	135,189	134,642
% of Prev Yr	100	99	102	102	100	101

* Revised. 1/Previous year except January.