

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 167 million eggs during the week ending January 18, 1997. This was down 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 137 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 18, 1997. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through January 18, 1997 were 410 million, 2 percent above the 405 million placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending 1/					
	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 28	Jan 4	Jan 11	Jan 18
	1,000					
AL	25,200	25,306	25,558	25,415	25,286	24,840
AR	29,276	29,511	29,341	29,328	*29,743	29,829
DE	4,302	4,454	4,390	*4,412	4,329	4,282
FL	2,816	2,840	2,831	2,717	2,737	3,034
GA	29,213	29,097	29,689	29,541	*28,807	28,926
MD	8,574	8,770	8,701	*8,748	8,485	8,005
MS	17,056	16,869	17,192	17,061	16,952	16,547
NC	16,759	16,935	17,001	17,206	16,568	16,452
PA	3,678	3,715	3,668	3,619	3,644	3,549
SC	4,293	4,404	4,497	4,410	4,319	4,187
TX	12,180	12,082	*12,304	*12,033	12,105	11,963
VA	6,579	6,525	6,479	6,555	6,642	6,242
CA, TN, & WV	9,607	9,528	9,687	*9,331	*9,667	9,056
1997 Total	169,533	170,036	*171,338	*170,376	*169,284	166,912
1996 Total	167,236	166,622	166,749	168,181	167,329	168,535
% of Prev Yr	101	102	103	101	101	99

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending 1/					
	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 28	Jan 4	Jan 11	Jan 18
	1,000					
AL	18,765	18,138	17,890	18,380	17,765	18,154
AR	22,915	23,266	23,152	23,213	*23,710	23,555
DE	5,040	4,635	4,266	*4,764	5,037	4,936
FL	2,319	2,564	2,761	2,497	2,696	2,736
GA	23,523	24,225	23,814	23,419	*23,602	24,146
MD	6,141	6,352	6,259	*6,461	6,105	6,014
MS	13,143	13,922	14,603	14,718	14,501	14,735
NC	13,025	13,101	13,331	13,279	13,585	13,224
PA	2,633	2,556	2,567	2,660	2,689	2,660
SC	3,781	3,968	3,724	3,819	3,562	3,924
TX	8,863	8,946	8,845	8,838	8,992	8,922
VA	5,169	5,233	5,132	4,789	5,303	5,051
CA, TN, & WV	9,179	9,403	8,770	*9,207	*9,239	9,285
1997 Total	134,496	136,309	135,114	*136,044	*136,786	137,342
1996 Total	135,231	134,283	132,064	135,189	134,642	135,286
% of Prev Yr	99	102	102	101	102	102

* Revised. 1/ Previous year except January.