

# 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 169 million eggs during the week ending January 25, 1997. 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 137 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 25 1997. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through January 25, 1997 were 547 million, 1 percent above the 540 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 21	Dec 28	Jan 4	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25
	1,000					
AL	25,306	25,558	25,415	25,286	24,840	25,386
AR	29,511	29,341	29,328	29,743	29,829	29,631
DE	4,454	4,390	4,412	4,329	4,282	4,661
FL	2,840	2,831	2,717	2,737	3,034	2,805
GA	29,097	29,689	29,541	28,807	*29,024	29,035
MD	8,770	8,701	8,748	8,485	8,005	7,708
MS	16,869	17,192	17,061	16,952	16,547	16,716
NC	16,935	17,001	17,206	16,568	16,452	16,703
PA	3,715	3,668	*3,534	*3,606	*3,508	3,528
SC	4,404	4,497	4,410	4,319	4,187	4,263
TX	12,082	12,304	*12,032	12,105	*11,933	12,090
VA	6,525	6,479	6,555	6,642	*6,251	6,602
CA, TN, & WV	9,528	9,687	9,331	9,667	9,056	9,786
1997 Total	170,036	171,338	*170,290	*169,246	*166,948	168,914
1996 Total	166,622	166,749	168,181	167,329	168,535	165,233
% of Prev Yr	102	103	101	101	99	102

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending 1/					
	Dec 21	Dec 28	Jan 4	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25
	1,000					
AL	18,138	17,890	18,380	17,765	18,154	18,343
AR	23,266	23,152	23,213	23,710	23,555	23,446
DE	4,635	4,266	4,764	5,037	*4,930	4,855
FL	2,564	2,761	2,497	2,696	2,736	2,442
GA	24,225	23,814	23,419	23,602	24,146	24,020
MD	6,352	6,259	6,461	6,105	6,014	6,626
MS	13,922	14,603	14,718	14,501	14,735	14,681
NC	13,101	13,331	13,279	13,585	*13,229	14,146
PA	2,556	2,567	*2,643	*2,688	*2,673	2,641
SC	3,968	3,724	3,819	3,562	3,924	3,112
TX	8,946	8,845	8,838	8,992	8,922	8,865
VA	5,233	5,132	4,789	5,303	*5,339	4,628
CA, TN, & WV	*9,406	*8,764	9,207	9,239	*9,194	9,225
1997 Total	*136,312	*135,108	*136,027	*136,785	*137,551	137,030
1996 Total	134,283	132,064	135,189	134,642	135,286	134,893
% of Prev Yr	102	102	101	102	102	102

\* Revised. 1/Previous year except January.