

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 171 million eggs during the week ending February 1, 1997. This was up 3 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 February 1, 1997. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through February 1, 1997 were 684 million, 1 percent above the 674 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 28	Jan 4	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 1
	1,000					
AL	25,558	25,415	25,286	24,840	25,386	25,159
AR	29,341	29,328	29,743	29,829	29,631	30,087
DE	4,390	4,412	4,329	4,282	4,661	4,492
FL	2,831	2,717	2,737	3,034	2,805	2,854
GA	29,689	29,541	28,807	29,024	*29,172	29,154
MD	8,701	8,748	8,485	8,005	7,708	8,745
MS	17,192	17,061	16,952	16,547	16,716	17,040
NC	17,001	*17,293	16,568	16,452	16,703	17,116
PA	3,668	3,534	3,606	3,508	*3,500	3,597
SC	4,497	4,410	4,319	4,187	4,263	4,397
TX	12,304	*12,038	*12,112	*11,940	*12,096	12,120
VA	6,479	6,555	6,642	6,251	6,602	6,705
CA, TN, & WV	9,687	*9,667	*9,331	9,056	*9,842	9,349
1997 Total	171,338	*170,719	*168,917	*166,955	*169,085	170,816
1996 Total	166,749	168,181	167,329	168,535	165,233	166,116
% of Prev Yr	103	102	101	99	102	103

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending 1/					
	Dec 28	Jan 4	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 1
	1,000					
AL	17,890	18,380	17,765	18,154	18,343	18,578
AR	23,152	23,213	23,710	23,555	23,446	24,392
DE	4,266	4,764	5,037	4,930	4,855	5,244
FL	2,761	2,497	2,696	2,736	2,442	2,341
GA	23,814	23,419	23,602	24,146	*24,031	23,692
MD	6,259	6,461	6,105	6,014	6,626	5,946
MS	14,603	14,718	14,501	14,735	14,681	14,640
NC	13,331	13,279	13,585	13,229	14,146	13,064
PA	2,567	2,643	2,688	2,673	*2,666	2,628
SC	3,724	3,819	3,562	3,924	3,112	3,724
TX	8,845	*8,843	*8,996	*8,927	*8,870	8,955
VA	5,132	4,789	5,303	5,339	4,628	4,760
CA, TN, & WV	8,764	*9,280	*9,166	*9,193	*9,224	8,667
1997 Total	135,108	*136,105	*136,716	*137,555	*137,070	136,631
1996 Total	132,064	135,189	134,642	135,286	134,893	134,319
% of Prev Yr	102	101	102	102	102	102

* Revised. 1/Previous year except January.