

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 172 million eggs during the week ending February 15, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 136 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 15, 1997. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through February 15, 1997 were 953 million, 1 percent above the 940 million placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15
	1,000					
AL	25,286	24,840	*25,188	25,159	25,655	25,752
AR	29,743	29,829	29,631	30,087	30,092	29,951
DE	4,329	4,282	4,661	4,492	4,696	4,678
FL	2,737	3,034	2,805	2,854	*2,792	2,863
GA	28,807	29,024	29,172	29,126	*29,623	28,119
MD	8,485	8,005	7,708	8,745	8,687	8,677
MS	16,952	16,547	16,716	17,040	17,292	17,391
NC	16,568	16,452	16,703	17,056	17,579	17,433
PA	3,606	3,508	3,500	*3,607	*3,736	3,584
SC	4,319	4,187	4,263	4,397	4,355	4,406
TX	12,112	11,940	*12,097	12,090	*11,864	12,129
VA	6,642	6,251	6,602	6,706	6,674	6,647
CA, TN, & WV	*9,338	*9,058	*9,849	*9,349	*9,443	10,085
1997 Total	*168,924	*166,957	*168,895	*170,708	*172,488	171,715
1996 Total	167,329	168,535	165,233	166,116	167,122	168,695
% of Prev Yr	101	99	102	103	103	102

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15
	1,000					
AL	17,765	18,154	18,343	18,578	17,849	18,028
AR	23,710	23,555	23,446	24,392	23,525	24,562
DE	5,037	4,930	4,855	5,244	5,084	5,497
FL	2,696	2,736	2,442	2,341	*2,851	2,528
GA	23,602	24,146	24,031	23,770	*23,399	23,666
MD	6,105	6,014	6,626	5,946	5,591	5,324
MS	14,501	14,735	14,681	14,640	13,540	13,988
NC	13,585	13,229	14,146	13,064	12,770	13,007
PA	2,688	2,673	2,666	*2,629	*2,570	2,638
SC	3,562	3,924	3,112	3,724	3,855	3,158
TX	8,996	8,927	8,870	8,955	8,728	8,902
VA	5,303	5,339	4,628	4,760	4,873	5,128
CA, TN, & WV	*9,144	*9,198	*9,226	*8,670	*8,604	9,544
1997 Total	*136,694	*137,560	*137,072	*136,713	*133,239	135,970
1996 Total	134,642	135,286	134,893	134,319	133,801	131,709
% of Prev Yr	102	102	102	102	100	103

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