

# 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 174 million eggs during the week ending February 22, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 136 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 22, 1997. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through February 22, 1997 were 1.09 billion, 2 percent above the 1.07 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22
	1,000					
AL	24,840	25,188	25,159	25,655	25,752	25,996
AR	29,829	29,631	30,087	30,092	29,951	29,862
DE	4,282	4,661	*4,681	4,696	4,678	4,520
FL	3,034	2,805	2,854	2,792	2,863	3,032
GA	29,024	29,172	29,126	29,623	*29,942	29,926
MD	8,005	7,708	8,745	8,687	8,677	8,758
MS	16,547	16,716	17,040	17,292	17,391	17,297
NC	16,452	16,703	17,056	17,579	17,433	17,365
PA	3,508	3,500	3,607	3,736	3,584	3,537
SC	4,187	4,263	4,397	4,355	4,406	4,403
TX	11,940	12,097	*12,091	11,864	*12,115	12,599
VA	6,251	6,602	6,706	6,674	6,647	6,565
CA, TN, & WV	9,058	9,849	9,349	9,443	10,085	9,707
1997 Total	166,957	168,895	*170,898	172,488	*173,524	173,567
1996 Total	168,535	165,233	166,116	167,122	168,695	167,796
% of Prev Yr	99	102	103	103	103	103

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22
	1,000					
AL	18,154	18,343	18,578	17,849	18,028	18,185
AR	23,555	23,446	24,392	23,525	24,562	22,949
DE	4,930	4,855	5,244	5,084	5,497	4,803
FL	2,736	2,442	2,341	2,851	2,528	2,495
GA	24,146	24,031	23,770	23,399	*23,631	23,938
MD	6,014	6,626	5,946	5,591	*5,328	6,607
MS	14,735	14,681	14,640	*13,967	13,988	14,142
NC	13,229	14,146	13,064	12,770	13,007	13,467
PA	2,673	2,666	2,629	2,570	2,638	2,682
SC	3,924	3,112	3,724	3,855	3,158	3,779
TX	8,927	8,870	8,955	8,728	*8,934	8,936
VA	5,339	4,628	4,760	4,873	5,128	4,969
CA, TN, & WV	9,198	9,226	8,670	8,604	9,544	9,092
1997 Total	137,560	137,072	136,713	*133,666	*135,971	136,044
1996 Total	135,286	134,893	134,319	133,801	131,709	131,680
% of Prev Yr	102	102	102	100	103	103

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