

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 174 million eggs during the week ending March 1, 1997. This was up 4 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 139 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 1, 1997. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through March 1, 1997 were 1.23 billion, 2 percent above the 1.20 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22	Mar 1
	1,000					
AL	25,188	25,159	25,655	25,752	25,996	26,008
AR	29,631	30,087	30,092	29,951	29,862	29,990
DE	4,661	4,681	4,696	4,678	4,520	4,601
FL	2,805	2,854	2,792	2,863	3,032	2,927
GA	29,172	29,126	29,623	29,942	*29,880	30,087
MD	7,708	8,745	8,687	8,677	8,758	8,718
MS	16,716	17,040	17,292	17,391	17,297	17,246
NC	16,703	17,056	*17,700	17,433	*17,447	18,013
PA	3,500	3,607	3,736	*3,554	*3,468	3,576
SC	4,263	4,397	4,355	4,406	4,403	4,340
TX	12,097	12,091	*12,106	12,115	*12,627	12,171
VA	6,602	6,706	6,674	6,647	6,565	6,583
CA, TN, & WV	9,849	9,349	9,443	10,085	9,707	9,523
1997 Total	168,895	170,898	*172,851	*173,494	*173,562	173,783
1996 Total	165,233	166,116	167,122	168,695	167,796	167,104
% of Prev Yr	102	103	103	103	103	104

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22	Mar 1
	1,000					
AL	18,343	18,578	17,849	18,028	*18,184	19,016
AR	23,446	24,392	23,525	24,562	22,949	24,497
DE	4,855	5,244	5,084	5,497	4,803	5,966
FL	2,442	2,341	2,851	2,528	2,495	2,676
GA	24,031	23,770	23,399	23,631	*23,915	23,580
MD	6,626	5,946	5,591	5,328	6,607	5,399
MS	14,681	14,640	13,967	13,988	14,142	14,435
NC	14,146	13,064	12,770	13,007	*13,512	13,611
PA	2,666	2,629	2,570	*2,787	*2,908	2,795
SC	3,112	3,724	3,855	3,158	3,779	3,894
TX	8,870	*8,964	*8,734	*8,940	*8,952	8,967
VA	4,628	4,760	4,873	5,128	4,969	5,621
CA, TN, & WV	9,226	8,670	8,604	9,544	9,092	8,772
1997 Total	137,072	*136,722	*133,672	*136,126	*136,307	139,229
1996 Total	134,893	134,319	133,801	131,709	131,680	132,418
% of Prev Yr	102	102	100	103	104	105

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