

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 173 million eggs during the week ending March 8, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 139 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 8, 1997. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through March 8, 1997 were 1.37 billion, 2 percent above the 1.34 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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 Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22	Mar 1	Mar 8
	1,000					
AL	25,159	25,655	25,752	25,996	26,008	25,593
AR	30,087	30,092	29,951	29,862	29,990	29,771
DE	4,681	4,696	4,678	4,520	4,601	4,620
FL	2,854	2,792	2,863	3,032	2,927	3,131
GA	29,126	29,623	29,942	29,880	*30,097	29,173
MD	8,745	8,687	8,677	8,758	8,718	8,929
MS	17,040	17,292	17,391	17,297	17,246	17,347
NC	17,056	17,700	*17,559	17,447	18,013	17,596
PA	3,607	3,736	3,554	3,468	3,576	3,699
SC	4,397	4,355	4,406	4,403	4,340	4,343
TX	12,091	12,106	*12,116	12,627	*12,143	12,077
VA	6,706	6,674	6,647	6,565	6,583	6,685
CA, TN, & WV	9,349	9,443	10,085	9,707	9,523	9,889
1997 Total	170,898	172,851	*173,621	173,562	*173,765	172,853
1996 Total	166,116	167,122	168,695	167,796	167,104	166,580
% of Prev Yr	103	103	103	103	104	104

 Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22	Mar 1	Mar 8
	1,000					
AL	18,578	17,849	18,028	18,184	19,016	18,443
AR	24,392	23,525	24,562	22,949	24,497	22,878
DE	5,244	5,084	5,497	4,803	5,966	5,148
FL	2,341	2,851	2,528	2,495	2,676	2,774
GA	*23,830	*23,454	*23,623	23,915	*23,606	23,973
MD	5,946	5,591	5,328	6,607	*5,402	6,380
MS	14,640	13,967	13,988	14,142	14,435	14,936
NC	13,064	12,770	13,007	*13,611	13,611	13,866
PA	2,629	2,570	2,787	2,908	2,795	2,747
SC	3,724	3,855	3,158	3,779	3,894	3,799
TX	8,964	8,734	8,940	8,952	8,967	8,984
VA	4,760	4,873	5,128	4,969	5,621	4,919
CA, TN, & WV	8,670	8,604	9,544	9,092	*9,177	9,896
1997 Total	*136,782	*133,727	*136,118	*136,406	*139,663	138,743
1996 Total	134,319	133,801	131,709	131,680	132,418	134,071
% of Prev Yr	102	100	103	104	105	103

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