

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 172 million eggs during the week ending March 15, 1997. This was up 5 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 140 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 15, 1997. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through March 15, 1997 were 1.51 billion, 2 percent above the 1.47 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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 Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22	Mar 1	Mar 8	Mar 15
	1,000					
AL	25,655	25,752	25,996	26,008	25,593	25,354
AR	30,092	29,951	29,862	29,990	29,771	29,969
DE	4,696	4,678	4,520	4,601	4,620	4,511
FL	2,792	2,863	3,032	2,927	3,131	2,561
GA	29,623	29,942	*29,994	30,097	*29,222	29,965
MD	8,687	8,677	8,758	8,718	8,929	8,893
MS	17,292	17,391	17,297	17,246	17,347	17,177
NC	17,700	*17,639	*17,629	18,013	*17,535	17,621
PA	3,736	3,554	3,468	*3,655	3,699	3,651
SC	4,355	4,406	4,403	4,340	4,343	4,341
TX	12,106	12,116	*12,132	12,143	12,077	12,129
VA	6,674	6,647	6,565	6,583	6,685	6,620
CA, TN, & WV	9,443	*10,088	*9,710	9,523	9,889	9,525
1997 Total	172,851	*173,704	*173,366	*173,844	*172,841	172,317
1996 Total	167,122	168,695	167,796	167,104	166,580	164,608
% of Prev Yr	103	103	103	104	104	105

 Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22	Mar 1	Mar 8	Mar 15
	1,000					
AL	17,849	18,028	18,184	19,016	18,443	18,738
AR	23,525	24,562	22,949	24,497	22,878	24,003
DE	5,084	5,497	4,803	5,966	5,148	5,302
FL	2,851	2,528	2,495	2,676	2,774	2,820
GA	23,454	23,623	23,915	23,606	*23,970	24,139
MD	5,591	5,328	6,607	5,402	*6,381	5,732
MS	13,967	13,988	14,142	14,435	14,936	14,938
NC	12,770	13,007	*13,608	13,611	*13,901	13,668
PA	2,570	2,787	2,908	*2,952	2,747	2,726
SC	3,855	3,158	3,779	3,894	3,799	3,908
TX	8,734	8,940	8,952	8,967	8,984	9,035
VA	4,873	5,128	4,969	5,621	4,919	5,575
CA, TN, & WV	8,604	9,544	*9,091	9,177	9,896	9,443
1997 Total	133,727	136,118	*136,402	*139,820	*138,776	140,027
1996 Total	133,801	131,709	131,680	132,418	134,071	136,164
% of Prev Yr	100	103	104	106	104	103

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