

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 172 million eggs during the week ending March 22, 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 83 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 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 22, 1997. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through March 22, 1997 were 1.65 billion, 3 percent above the 1.61 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 15	Feb 22	Mar 1	Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 22
	1,000					
AL	25,752	25,996	*26,108	25,593	25,354	26,026
AR	29,951	29,862	29,990	29,771	29,969	29,812
DE	4,678	4,520	4,601	4,620	4,511	4,510
FL	2,863	3,032	2,927	3,131	2,561	2,556
GA	29,942	29,994	30,097	29,222	*29,875	29,092
MD	8,677	8,758	8,718	8,929	8,893	8,711
MS	17,391	17,297	17,246	17,347	*17,223	17,512
NC	17,639	17,629	*17,929	17,535	17,621	17,158
PA	3,554	3,468	3,655	*3,810	*3,571	3,747
SC	4,406	4,403	4,340	4,343	4,341	4,341
TX	12,116	12,132	12,143	*12,047	*12,134	12,129
VA	6,647	6,565	6,583	6,685	6,620	6,596
CA, TN, & WV	10,088	9,710	9,523	9,889	9,525	9,517
1997 Total	173,704	173,366	*173,860	*172,922	*172,198	171,707
1996 Total	168,695	167,796	167,104	166,580	164,608	164,399
% of Prev Yr	103	103	104	104	105	104

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 15	Feb 22	Mar 1	Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 22
	1,000					
AL	18,028	18,184	19,016	18,443	18,738	18,817
AR	24,562	22,949	24,497	22,878	24,003	24,161
DE	5,497	4,803	5,966	5,148	5,302	5,087
FL	2,528	2,495	2,676	2,774	2,820	2,860
GA	23,623	23,915	23,606	23,970	*24,120	24,302
MD	5,328	6,607	5,402	6,381	*5,734	5,919
MS	13,988	14,142	14,435	14,936	14,938	14,790
NC	13,007	13,608	13,611	13,901	13,668	14,284
PA	2,787	2,908	2,952	*2,671	*2,588	2,856
SC	3,158	3,779	3,894	3,799	*3,888	3,869
TX	8,940	8,952	8,967	*8,985	9,035	8,987
VA	5,128	4,969	5,621	4,919	5,575	5,618
CA, TN, & WV	9,544	9,091	9,177	9,896	9,443	9,326
1997 Total	136,118	136,402	139,820	*138,701	*139,852	140,876
1996 Total	131,709	131,680	132,418	134,071	136,164	134,718
% of Prev Yr	103	104	106	103	103	105

* Revised.