

# 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 169 million eggs during the week ending March 29, 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 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## Broiler Chicks Placed Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 140 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 29, 1997. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through March 29, 1997 were 1.79 billion, 3 percent above the 1.74 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 22	Mar 1	Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 29
	1,000					
AL	25,996	26,108	25,593	25,354	26,026	25,214
AR	29,862	29,990	29,771	29,969	29,812	28,548
DE	4,520	4,601	4,620	4,511	4,510	4,708
FL	3,032	2,927	3,131	2,561	2,556	2,563
GA	29,994	30,097	*29,368	29,875	*29,190	28,253
MD	8,758	8,718	8,929	8,893	8,711	8,686
MS	17,297	17,246	*17,341	17,223	17,512	17,465
NC	17,629	17,929	17,535	17,621	17,158	17,092
PA	3,468	3,655	3,810	3,571	3,747	3,655
SC	4,403	4,340	4,343	4,341	4,341	4,341
TX	12,132	12,143	*12,046	12,134	12,129	12,161
VA	6,565	6,583	6,685	6,620	6,596	6,670
CA, TN, & WV	9,710	9,523	9,889	9,525	9,517	9,573
1997 Total	173,366	173,860	*173,061	172,198	*171,805	168,929
1996 Total	167,796	167,104	166,580	164,608	164,399	163,643
% of Prev Yr	103	104	104	105	105	103

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 22	Mar 1	Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 29
	1,000					
AL	18,184	19,016	18,443	18,738	18,817	18,172
AR	22,949	24,497	22,878	24,003	24,161	24,336
DE	4,803	5,966	5,148	5,302	5,087	5,323
FL	2,495	2,676	2,774	2,820	2,860	3,136
GA	23,915	23,606	23,970	24,120	*24,269	24,230
MD	6,607	5,402	6,381	5,734	5,919	6,392
MS	14,142	14,435	14,936	14,938	*14,964	14,359
NC	13,608	13,611	13,901	13,668	14,284	14,129
PA	2,908	2,952	2,671	2,588	2,856	2,889
SC	3,779	3,894	3,799	3,888	3,869	3,554
TX	8,952	8,967	8,985	9,035	8,987	9,114
VA	4,969	5,621	4,919	5,575	*5,550	4,948
CA, TN, & WV	9,091	9,177	9,896	9,443	9,326	9,780
1997 Total	136,402	139,820	138,701	139,852	*140,949	140,362
1996 Total	131,680	132,418	134,071	136,164	134,718	134,806
% of Prev Yr	104	106	103	103	105	104

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