

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 171 million eggs during the week ending April 5, 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 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 140 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 5, 1997. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through April 5, 1997 were 1.93 billion, 3 percent above the 1.88 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 1	Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 29	Apr 5
	1,000					
AL	26,108	25,593	*25,021	26,026	*25,339	25,802
AR	29,990	29,771	29,969	29,812	28,548	29,982
DE	4,601	4,620	4,511	4,510	4,708	4,606
FL	2,927	3,131	2,561	2,556	2,563	2,566
GA	30,097	29,368	*29,633	29,190	*28,214	28,604
MD	8,718	8,929	8,893	8,711	8,686	8,838
MS	17,246	17,341	17,223	17,512	*17,499	17,462
NC	17,929	17,535	*17,549	17,158	17,092	17,461
PA	3,655	3,810	3,571	3,747	3,655	3,649
SC	4,340	4,343	4,341	4,341	4,341	4,343
TX	12,143	12,046	*12,129	12,129	12,161	12,153
VA	6,583	6,685	6,620	6,596	6,670	6,665
CA, TN, & WV	9,523	9,889	9,525	9,517	*9,593	9,213
1997 Total	173,860	173,061	*171,546	171,805	*169,069	171,344
1996 Total	167,104	166,580	164,608	164,399	163,643	166,379
% of Prev Yr	104	104	104	105	103	103

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 1	Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 29	Apr 5
	1,000					
AL	19,016	18,443	18,738	18,817	*18,167	18,631
AR	24,497	22,878	24,003	24,161	24,336	24,920
DE	5,966	5,148	5,302	5,087	5,323	5,163
FL	2,676	2,774	2,820	2,860	3,136	2,388
GA	23,606	23,970	24,120	24,269	*24,155	23,332
MD	5,402	6,381	5,734	5,919	6,392	6,423
MS	14,435	14,936	14,938	14,964	*14,348	14,809
NC	13,611	13,901	13,668	14,284	14,129	13,727
PA	2,952	2,671	2,588	2,856	2,889	2,737
SC	3,894	3,799	3,888	3,869	3,554	3,778
TX	*8,995	*9,013	*9,063	*9,015	*9,142	9,130
VA	5,621	4,919	5,575	5,550	4,948	5,487
CA, TN, & WV	9,177	9,896	9,443	9,326	*9,782	9,439
1997 Total	*139,848	*138,729	*139,880	*140,977	*140,301	139,964
1996 Total	132,418	134,071	136,164	134,718	134,806	132,168
% of Prev Yr	106	103	103	105	104	106

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