

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 173 million eggs during the week ending April 12, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 137 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 12, 1997. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through April 12, 1997 were 2.07 billion, 2 percent above the 2.02 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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 Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 29	Apr 5	Apr 12
	1,000					
AL	25,593	25,021	*25,803	25,339	25,802	26,023
AR	29,771	29,969	29,812	28,548	29,982	29,644
DE	4,620	4,511	4,510	4,708	4,606	4,709
FL	3,131	2,561	2,556	2,563	2,566	2,565
GA	29,368	29,633	*29,040	28,214	*30,249	29,989
MD	8,929	8,893	8,711	8,686	8,838	8,691
MS	17,341	17,223	17,512	17,499	17,462	17,342
NC	17,535	17,549	*17,257	*17,094	*17,563	17,536
PA	3,810	3,571	3,747	3,655	3,649	3,581
SC	4,343	4,341	4,341	4,341	4,343	4,343
TX	12,046	12,129	*12,128	*12,151	*12,140	12,188
VA	6,685	6,620	6,596	6,670	6,665	6,659
CA, TN, & WV	9,889	9,525	9,517	9,593	9,213	9,979
1997 Total	173,061	171,546	*171,530	*169,061	*173,078	173,249
1996 Total	167,134	165,162	164,981	163,877	167,141	167,531
% of Prev Yr	104	104	104	103	104	103

 Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 29	Apr 5	Apr 12
	1,000					
AL	18,443	18,738	18,817	18,167	18,631	18,553
AR	22,878	24,003	24,161	24,336	24,920	24,526
DE	5,148	5,302	5,087	5,323	5,163	3,679
FL	2,774	2,820	2,860	3,136	2,388	2,434
GA	23,970	24,120	24,269	24,155	*23,367	23,136
MD	6,381	5,734	5,919	*6,396	*6,424	6,028
MS	14,936	14,938	14,964	14,348	14,809	15,172
NC	13,901	13,668	14,284	14,129	13,727	13,272
PA	2,671	2,588	2,856	2,889	2,737	2,865
SC	3,799	3,888	3,869	3,554	3,778	3,645
TX	9,013	9,063	9,015	9,142	*9,132	9,123
VA	4,919	5,575	5,550	4,948	*5,481	5,380
CA, TN, & WV	9,896	9,443	9,326	*9,780	*9,440	9,510
1997 Total	138,729	139,880	140,977	*140,303	*139,997	137,323
1996 Total	134,867	136,979	135,678	135,348	133,178	133,555
% of Prev Yr	103	102	104	104	105	103

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