

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 174 million eggs during the week ending April 19, 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 82 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 136 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 19, 1997. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through April 19, 1997 were 2.20 billion, 2 percent above the 2.15 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 29	Apr 5	Apr 12	Apr 19
	1,000					
AL	25,021	25,803	*25,138	25,802	26,023	26,566
AR	29,969	*29,782	28,548	29,982	29,644	28,758
DE	4,511	4,510	4,708	4,606	4,709	4,645
FL	2,561	2,556	2,563	2,566	2,565	2,587
GA	29,633	29,040	*28,176	30,249	*29,799	30,143
MD	8,893	8,711	8,686	8,838	8,691	8,729
MS	17,223	17,512	17,499	17,462	17,342	17,942
NC	17,549	17,257	17,094	17,563	17,536	17,425
PA	3,571	*3,742	*3,692	*3,709	*3,666	3,667
SC	4,341	4,341	4,341	4,343	4,343	4,355
TX	12,129	12,128	*12,175	12,140	*12,189	12,042
VA	6,620	6,596	6,670	6,665	*6,657	6,665
CA, TN, & WV	9,525	9,517	9,593	*9,203	9,979	10,369
1997 Total	171,546	*171,495	*168,883	*173,128	*173,143	173,893
1996 Total	165,162	164,981	163,877	167,141	167,531	166,621
% of Prev Yr	104	104	103	104	103	104

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 29	Apr 5	Apr 12	Apr 19
	1,000					
AL	18,738	18,817	18,167	18,631	18,553	17,898
AR	24,003	24,161	24,336	24,920	24,526	22,779
DE	5,302	5,087	5,323	5,163	3,679	5,871
FL	2,820	2,860	3,136	2,388	2,434	2,574
GA	24,120	24,269	24,155	23,367	*23,271	22,434
MD	5,734	5,919	6,396	6,424	6,028	5,812
MS	14,938	14,964	14,348	14,809	15,172	15,214
NC	13,668	14,284	14,129	13,727	13,272	13,269
PA	2,588	*2,724	*2,800	*2,667	*2,833	2,769
SC	3,888	3,869	3,554	3,778	3,645	3,657
TX	9,063	9,015	9,142	9,132	*9,124	9,133
VA	5,575	5,550	4,948	*5,542	*5,511	5,227
CA, TN, & WV	9,443	9,326	9,780	*9,332	*9,538	9,588
1997 Total	139,880	*140,845	*140,214	*139,880	*137,586	136,225
1996 Total	136,979	135,678	135,348	133,178	133,555	131,473
% of Prev Yr	102	104	104	105	103	104

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