

# 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 April 26, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 139 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 26, 1997. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through April 26, 1997 were 2.34 billion, 2 percent above the 2.29 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 22	Mar 29	Apr 5	Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 26
	1,000					
AL	25,803	25,138	*26,014	26,023	26,566	25,835
AR	29,782	28,548	29,982	29,644	28,758	29,194
DE	4,510	4,708	4,606	4,709	4,645	4,408
FL	2,556	2,563	2,566	2,565	2,587	2,566
GA	29,040	28,176	*30,402	29,799	*30,108	30,435
MD	8,711	8,686	8,838	8,691	8,729	8,817
MS	17,512	17,499	17,462	17,342	17,942	17,042
NC	17,257	17,094	17,563	17,536	17,425	17,514
PA	3,742	3,692	3,709	3,666	3,667	3,711
SC	4,341	4,341	4,343	4,343	4,355	4,410
TX	12,128	12,175	12,140	12,189	12,042	11,998
VA	6,596	6,670	6,665	6,657	*6,664	6,652
CA, TN, & WV	9,517	9,593	9,203	9,979	*10,374	9,291
1997 Total	171,495	168,883	*173,493	173,143	*173,862	171,873
1996 Total	164,981	163,877	167,141	167,531	166,621	165,453
% of Prev Yr	104	103	104	103	104	104

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 22	Mar 29	Apr 5	Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 26
	1,000					
AL	18,817	18,167	18,631	18,553	17,898	18,442
AR	24,161	24,336	24,920	24,526	22,779	23,455
DE	5,087	5,323	5,163	3,679	5,871	6,010
FL	2,860	3,136	2,388	2,434	2,574	2,837
GA	24,269	24,155	23,367	*23,211	*22,417	24,073
MD	5,919	6,396	6,424	6,028	5,812	5,675
MS	14,964	14,348	14,809	15,172	15,214	15,374
NC	14,284	14,129	13,727	13,272	13,269	13,446
PA	2,724	2,800	2,667	2,833	2,769	2,710
SC	3,869	3,554	3,778	3,645	*3,656	3,964
TX	9,015	9,142	9,132	9,124	9,133	9,025
VA	5,550	4,948	5,542	5,511	*5,146	5,363
CA, TN, & WV	9,326	9,780	9,332	9,538	*9,691	8,820
1997 Total	140,845	140,214	139,880	*137,526	*136,229	139,194
1996 Total	135,678	135,348	133,178	133,555	131,473	134,766
% of Prev Yr	104	104	105	103	104	103

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