

# 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 172 million eggs during the week ending May 10, 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 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 140 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 10, 1997. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through May 10, 1997 were 2.62 billion, 3 percent above the 2.56 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 5	Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 26	May 3	May 10
	1,000					
AL	26,014	26,023	26,566	25,835	25,996	26,051
AR	29,982	29,644	28,758	29,194	29,282	29,490
DE	4,606	4,709	4,645	4,408	*4,628	4,642
FL	2,566	2,565	2,587	2,566	2,557	2,594
GA	30,402	29,944	30,108	30,415	*29,147	28,755
MD	8,838	8,691	8,729	8,817	8,718	8,833
MS	17,462	17,882	17,942	17,042	17,887	17,781
NC	17,563	17,536	17,425	17,514	17,287	17,544
PA	3,709	3,666	3,667	3,711	3,682	3,674
SC	4,343	4,343	4,355	4,410	4,440	4,445
TX	12,140	12,189	12,042	11,968	12,117	12,131
VA	6,665	6,657	6,664	6,652	6,664	6,665
CA, TN, & WV	*9,215	9,979	*10,391	*9,294	*9,357	9,880
1997 Total	*173,505	173,828	*173,879	*171,826	*171,762	172,485
1996 Total	167,141	167,531	166,621	165,453	164,094	167,473
% of Prev Yr	104	104	104	104	105	103

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 5	Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 26	May 3	May 10
	1,000					
AL	18,631	18,553	17,898	18,442	18,517	19,136
AR	24,920	24,526	22,779	23,455	23,762	23,358
DE	5,163	3,679	5,871	6,010	*4,744	5,171
FL	2,388	2,434	2,574	2,837	2,723	2,647
GA	23,367	23,211	22,417	24,052	*24,167	23,827
MD	6,424	6,028	5,812	5,677	*6,560	6,277
MS	14,809	15,172	15,214	15,374	15,541	15,485
NC	13,727	13,272	13,269	13,437	13,654	13,546
PA	2,667	2,833	2,769	2,710	2,697	2,675
SC	3,778	3,645	3,656	3,964	3,715	3,617
TX	9,131	9,123	9,133	9,023	9,082	9,024
VA	5,542	5,511	5,146	5,363	*5,639	5,432
CA, TN, & WV	*9,324	*9,543	9,691	*8,829	*9,606	10,183
1997 Total	*139,871	*137,530	136,229	*139,173	*140,407	140,378
1996 Total	133,178	133,555	131,473	134,766	136,196	136,300
% of Prev Yr	105	103	104	103	103	103

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