

# Broiler Hatchery



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## Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 175 million eggs during the week ending May 17, 1997. This was up 5 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 140 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 17, 1997. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through May 17, 1997 were 2.76 billion, 3 percent above the 2.69 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 26	May 3	May 10	May 17
	1,000					
AL	26,023	26,566	*25,981	25,996	26,051	26,008
AR	*29,718	*29,129	*30,111	*29,206	*29,642	30,098
DE	4,709	4,645	4,408	4,628	*4,684	4,605
FL	2,565	2,587	2,566	2,557	2,594	2,643
GA	29,944	*30,196	*30,460	29,147	*28,840	30,659
MD	8,691	8,729	8,817	8,718	8,833	8,839
MS	17,882	17,942	17,042	17,887	17,781	17,517
NC	17,536	17,425	17,514	17,287	17,544	17,541
PA	3,666	*3,630	*3,810	*3,796	*3,628	3,732
SC	4,343	4,355	4,410	4,440	4,445	4,450
TX	12,189	12,042	*12,206	12,117	12,131	12,226
VA	6,657	6,664	6,652	6,664	6,665	6,636
CA, TN, & WV	9,979	10,391	9,294	9,357	*9,854	9,963
1997 Total	*173,902	*174,301	*173,271	*171,800	*172,692	174,917
1996 Total	167,531	166,621	165,453	164,094	167,473	166,928
% of Prev Yr	104	105	105	105	103	105

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 26	May 3	May 10	May 17
	1,000					
AL	18,553	17,898	18,442	18,517	*19,273	18,652
AR	*24,524	*22,810	*23,416	*23,699	*22,387	24,358
DE	3,679	5,871	6,010	4,744	*5,162	5,513
FL	2,434	2,574	2,837	2,723	2,647	2,693
GA	23,211	22,417	24,052	24,167	*23,824	24,536
MD	6,028	5,812	5,677	6,560	*6,285	5,366
MS	15,172	15,214	15,374	15,541	15,485	14,642
NC	13,272	13,269	13,437	13,654	13,546	13,488
PA	2,833	*2,854	2,710	*2,732	*2,685	2,888
SC	3,645	3,656	3,964	3,715	3,617	3,990
TX	9,123	9,133	9,023	9,082	9,024	9,155
VA	5,511	5,146	5,363	5,639	5,432	5,705
CA, TN, & WV	9,543	9,691	8,829	9,606	*10,046	9,101
1997 Total	*137,528	*136,345	*139,134	*140,379	*139,413	140,087
1996 Total	133,555	131,473	134,766	136,196	136,300	134,911
% of Prev Yr	103	104	103	103	102	104

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