

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 May 24, 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 83 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 139 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 24, 1997. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through May 24, 1997 were 2.90 billion, 3 percent above the 2.83 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 19	Apr 26	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24
	1,000					
AL	26,566	25,981	25,996	26,051	26,008	26,066
AR	29,129	30,111	29,206	29,642	30,098	29,539
DE	4,645	4,408	4,628	4,684	4,605	4,643
FL	2,587	2,566	2,557	2,594	2,643	2,634
GA	30,196	30,460	*29,207	*29,551	*30,636	30,211
MD	8,729	8,817	8,718	8,833	8,839	8,752
MS	17,942	17,042	17,887	17,781	17,517	17,567
NC	17,425	17,514	*17,417	17,544	17,541	17,400
PA	3,630	3,810	3,796	3,628	*3,498	3,678
SC	4,355	4,410	4,440	4,445	4,450	4,439
TX	12,042	*12,150	*12,298	12,131	12,226	12,329
VA	6,664	6,652	6,664	6,665	6,636	6,628
CA, TN, & WV	10,391	9,294	9,357	9,854	9,963	9,625
1997 Total	174,301	*173,215	*172,171	*173,403	*174,660	173,511
1996 Total	166,621	165,453	164,094	167,473	166,928	166,589
% of Prev Yr	105	105	105	104	105	104

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 19	Apr 26	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24
	1,000					
AL	17,898	18,442	18,517	19,273	18,652	18,804
AR	22,810	23,416	23,699	22,387	24,358	23,974
DE	5,871	6,010	4,744	5,162	*5,514	4,788
FL	2,574	2,837	2,723	2,647	2,693	2,631
GA	22,417	24,052	24,167	*23,831	*24,503	23,282
MD	5,812	5,677	6,560	6,285	*5,364	6,089
MS	15,214	15,374	15,541	15,485	14,642	15,168
NC	13,269	13,437	13,654	13,546	13,488	13,815
PA	2,854	2,710	2,732	2,685	*2,836	2,776
SC	3,656	3,964	3,715	3,617	3,990	3,626
TX	9,133	9,023	9,082	9,024	9,155	9,136
VA	5,146	5,363	5,639	5,432	5,705	5,410
CA, TN, & WV	9,691	8,829	9,606	10,046	9,101	9,083
1997 Total	136,345	139,134	140,379	*139,420	*140,001	138,582
1996 Total	131,473	134,766	136,196	136,300	134,911	132,688
% of Prev Yr	104	103	103	102	104	104

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