

# 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 31, 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 31, 1997. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through May 31, 1997 were 3.04 billion, 3 percent above the 2.96 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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 Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States  
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State	Week Ending					
	Apr 26	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
	1,000					
AL	25,981	25,996	26,051	26,008	26,066	26,051
AR	30,111	29,206	29,642	30,098	*29,638	29,866
DE	4,408	4,628	4,684	4,605	*4,685	4,744
FL	2,566	2,557	2,594	2,643	2,634	2,619
GA	30,460	*28,817	29,551	30,636	*30,438	30,785
MD	8,817	8,718	8,833	8,839	8,752	8,734
MS	17,042	17,887	17,781	17,517	17,567	17,558
NC	17,514	17,417	*17,517	17,541	*17,439	17,653
PA	3,810	3,796	3,628	*3,504	3,678	3,637
SC	4,410	4,440	4,445	4,450	4,439	4,439
TX	12,150	12,298	*12,282	12,226	*12,319	12,481
VA	6,652	6,664	6,665	6,636	6,628	6,599
CA, TN, & WV	9,294	9,357	9,854	9,963	*9,556	10,021
1997 Total	173,215	*171,781	*173,527	*174,666	*173,839	175,187
1996 Total	165,453	164,094	167,473	166,928	166,589	166,830
% of Prev Yr	105	105	104	105	104	105

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 Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States  
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State	Week Ending					
	Apr 26	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
	1,000					
AL	18,442	18,517	19,273	18,652	18,804	18,448
AR	23,416	23,699	22,387	24,358	*24,120	24,180
DE	6,010	4,744	5,162	5,514	*5,319	5,223
FL	2,837	2,723	2,647	2,693	2,631	2,624
GA	24,052	24,167	23,831	24,503	*23,026	24,181
MD	5,677	6,560	6,285	5,364	*5,896	6,130
MS	15,374	15,541	15,485	14,642	15,168	15,261
NC	13,437	13,654	13,546	13,488	*13,819	13,319
PA	2,710	2,732	2,685	2,836	2,776	2,738
SC	3,964	3,715	3,617	3,990	3,626	3,706
TX	9,023	9,082	9,024	9,155	9,136	9,185
VA	5,363	5,639	5,432	5,705	5,410	5,563
CA, TN, & WV	8,829	9,606	10,046	9,101	*9,047	9,834
1997 Total	139,134	140,379	139,420	140,001	*138,778	140,392
1996 Total	134,766	136,196	136,300	134,911	132,688	135,561
% of Prev Yr	103	103	102	104	105	104

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