

# 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 169 million eggs during the week ending June 28, 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 28, 1997. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through June 28, 1997 were 3.61 billion, 3 percent above the 3.50 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 24	May 31	Jun 7	Jun 14	Jun 21	Jun 28
	1,000					
AL	*26,035	*25,955	26,061	25,719	25,238	25,589
AR	*29,849	29,866	30,034	29,887	29,430	29,165
DE	4,685	4,744	4,733	4,698	4,740	4,311
FL	2,634	2,619	2,629	2,582	2,638	2,594
GA	30,638	30,867	*30,834	30,731	*30,462	30,010
MD	8,576	8,734	8,786	8,792	*8,869	8,161
MS	17,567	17,558	17,490	17,250	17,524	16,738
NC	17,439	17,661	17,627	17,553	17,770	16,368
PA	3,726	3,594	3,550	3,571	3,611	3,591
SC	4,439	4,439	4,426	4,303	4,457	4,328
TX	12,878	12,844	13,005	12,940	12,544	12,702
VA	6,628	6,599	6,600	6,662	6,679	6,671
CA, TN, & WV	9,556	10,021	9,688	9,701	10,068	8,695
1997 Total	*174,650	*175,501	*175,463	174,389	*174,030	168,923
1996 Total	166,589	166,830	167,526	167,768	166,315	160,697
% of Prev Yr	105	105	105	104	105	105

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 24	May 31	Jun 7	Jun 14	Jun 21	Jun 28
	1,000					
AL	18,804	18,448	18,519	18,589	18,816	19,017
AR	24,120	24,180	24,127	24,476	23,512	23,571
DE	5,319	5,103	5,363	5,873	*4,997	4,539
FL	2,631	2,624	2,718	2,629	2,658	2,723
GA	23,026	24,191	24,690	24,716	*24,604	24,571
MD	5,896	6,554	5,947	5,585	*6,609	7,055
MS	15,168	15,261	15,302	15,225	15,198	15,054
NC	13,819	13,360	13,545	13,530	13,778	14,867
PA	2,777	2,736	2,703	2,761	2,712	2,686
SC	3,626	3,706	3,788	3,900	*3,684	3,990
TX	9,451	9,634	9,674	9,748	9,757	9,849
VA	5,410	5,260	5,777	5,122	*5,264	5,383
CA, TN, & WV	9,024	9,834	9,761	9,434	9,394	9,300
1997 Total	139,071	140,891	141,914	141,588	*140,983	142,605
1996 Total	132,688	135,561	136,597	134,252	135,176	135,784
% of Prev Yr	105	104	104	105	104	105

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