

# 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 July 19, 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 136 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 19, 1997. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through July 19, 1997 were 4.03 billion, 3 percent above the 3.90 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 14	Jun 21	Jun 28	Jul 5	Jul 12	Jul 19
	1,000					
AL	25,797	25,238	25,589	25,331	25,663	25,891
AR	29,887	29,430	29,075	28,404	29,188	29,120
DE	4,698	4,740	4,311	4,629	4,614	4,613
FL	2,582	2,638	2,594	2,601	2,559	2,592
GA	30,731	30,462	*30,268	29,743	*29,792	30,691
MD	8,792	8,869	8,161	8,475	8,687	8,266
MS	17,250	17,524	16,738	17,029	17,206	17,078
NC	17,569	17,770	*16,367	16,860	17,236	17,153
PA	3,571	3,611	3,727	*3,650	*3,718	3,662
SC	4,303	4,457	4,328	4,454	4,457	4,418
TX	12,759	12,713	*12,625	12,759	*11,531	12,918
VA	6,662	6,679	6,671	6,563	6,598	6,611
CA, TN, & WV	9,701	10,068	8,695	9,527	*9,341	9,334
1997 Total	174,302	174,199	*169,149	*170,025	*170,590	172,347
1996 Total	167,768	166,315	160,697	161,058	167,007	167,001
% of Prev Yr	104	105	105	106	102	103

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 14	Jun 21	Jun 28	Jul 5	Jul 12	Jul 19
	1,000					
AL	18,836	18,816	19,017	18,776	18,132	18,300
AR	24,476	23,512	23,972	23,394	23,470	22,883
DE	5,873	4,997	5,372	5,399	*6,112	4,907
FL	2,629	2,658	2,723	2,729	2,481	2,641
GA	24,716	24,604	24,564	24,356	*24,025	24,151
MD	5,585	6,609	6,222	5,899	*5,314	5,783
MS	15,225	15,198	15,054	15,142	14,921	14,003
NC	13,530	13,778	14,867	13,774	13,735	13,035
PA	2,761	2,712	2,645	*2,573	*2,817	2,742
SC	3,900	3,684	3,990	3,948	4,101	3,826
TX	9,744	9,752	9,850	9,711	*9,670	9,473
VA	5,122	5,264	5,383	5,353	*5,588	5,212
CA, TN, & WV	9,434	9,394	9,300	9,237	*10,039	8,568
1997 Total	141,831	140,978	142,959	*140,291	*140,405	135,524
1996 Total	134,252	135,176	135,784	137,124	134,543	128,727
% of Prev Yr	106	104	105	102	104	105

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