

# 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 26, 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 137 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 26, 1997. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through July 26, 1997 were 4.16 billion, 3 percent above the 4.03 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 21	Jun 28	Jul 5	Jul 12	Jul 19	Jul 26
	1,000					
AL	25,238	25,589	25,331	25,663	25,891	25,820
AR	29,430	29,075	28,404	29,188	29,120	29,432
DE	4,740	4,311	4,629	4,614	4,613	4,467
FL	2,638	2,594	2,601	2,559	2,592	2,597
GA	30,462	30,268	29,743	29,792	*30,585	29,771
MD	8,869	8,161	*8,782	8,687	*8,685	8,732
MS	17,524	16,738	17,029	17,206	17,078	17,421
NC	17,770	16,367	*16,656	*17,262	*17,150	17,449
PA	3,611	3,727	3,650	3,718	3,662	3,668
SC	4,457	4,328	4,454	4,457	4,418	4,432
TX	12,713	12,625	12,759	11,531	12,918	12,121
VA	6,679	6,671	6,563	*6,596	6,611	6,599
CA, TN, & WV	10,068	8,695	9,527	9,341	*9,353	9,097
1997 Total	174,199	169,149	*170,128	*170,614	*172,676	171,606
1996 Total	166,315	160,697	161,058	167,007	167,001	166,628
% of Prev Yr	105	105	106	102	103	103

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 21	Jun 28	Jul 5	Jul 12	Jul 19	Jul 26
	1,000					
AL	18,816	19,017	18,776	18,132	18,300	17,906
AR	23,512	23,972	23,394	23,470	22,883	23,230
DE	4,997	5,372	5,399	6,112	4,907	4,982
FL	2,658	2,723	2,729	2,481	2,641	2,624
GA	24,604	24,564	24,356	*24,053	*24,180	23,904
MD	6,609	6,222	5,899	5,314	*5,841	6,356
MS	15,198	15,054	15,142	14,921	14,003	14,584
NC	13,778	14,867	13,774	*13,679	*13,047	13,203
PA	2,712	2,645	2,573	2,817	2,742	2,669
SC	3,684	3,990	3,948	4,101	3,826	3,359
TX	9,752	9,850	9,711	9,670	9,473	9,590
VA	5,264	5,383	5,353	*5,425	5,212	5,434
CA, TN, & WV	9,394	9,300	9,237	*10,098	8,568	9,053
1997 Total	140,978	142,959	140,291	*140,273	*135,623	136,894
1996 Total	135,176	135,784	137,124	134,543	128,727	129,768
% of Prev Yr	104	105	102	104	105	105

\*Revised.