

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 170 million eggs during the week ending August 2, 1997. This was up 2 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 138 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 2, 1997. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through August 2, 1997 were 4.30 billion, 3 percent above the 4.17 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 28	Jul 5	Jul 12	Jul 19	Jul 26	Aug 2
	1,000					
AL	25,589	25,331	25,663	25,891	25,820	25,821
AR	29,075	28,404	29,188	29,120	*29,145	29,100
DE	4,311	4,629	4,614	4,613	4,467	4,270
FL	2,594	2,601	2,559	2,592	2,597	2,611
GA	30,268	29,743	*30,673	30,585	*29,749	29,798
MD	8,161	8,782	8,687	8,685	8,732	8,867
MS	16,738	17,029	17,206	17,078	17,421	15,671
NC	16,367	16,656	17,262	*17,444	*17,520	17,194
PA	3,727	3,650	3,718	3,662	3,668	3,681
SC	4,328	4,454	4,457	4,418	4,432	4,466
TX	12,625	12,759	*11,509	*12,906	*12,091	12,236
VA	6,671	*6,566	6,596	6,611	6,599	6,599
CA, TN, & WV	8,695	9,527	9,341	9,353	9,097	9,355
1997 Total	169,149	*170,131	*171,473	*172,958	*171,338	169,669
1996 Total	160,697	161,058	167,007	167,001	166,628	167,017
% of Prev Yr	105	106	103	104	103	102

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 28	Jul 5	Jul 12	Jul 19	Jul 26	Aug 2
	1,000					
AL	19,017	18,776	18,132	18,300	17,906	18,586
AR	23,972	*23,492	23,470	*22,867	*23,118	22,991
DE	5,372	5,399	6,112	4,907	4,982	5,240
FL	2,723	2,729	2,481	2,641	2,624	2,558
GA	24,564	24,356	24,053	24,180	*24,024	24,209
MD	6,222	5,899	5,314	5,841	*6,358	6,351
MS	15,054	15,142	14,921	14,003	14,584	14,666
NC	14,867	13,774	13,679	13,047	*13,380	13,289
PA	2,645	2,573	2,817	2,742	2,669	2,684
SC	3,990	3,948	4,101	3,826	3,359	3,568
TX	9,850	*9,708	*9,665	*9,470	*9,593	8,905
VA	5,383	*5,360	5,425	5,212	5,434	5,298
CA, TN, & WV	9,300	*9,261	10,098	8,568	9,053	9,169
1997 Total	142,959	*140,417	*140,268	*135,604	*137,084	137,514
1996 Total	135,784	137,124	134,543	128,727	129,768	134,314
% of Prev Yr	105	102	104	105	106	102

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