

# 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 171 million eggs during the week ending August 9, 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 81 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 139 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 9, 1997. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through August 9, 1997 were 4.44 billion, 3 percent above the 4.30 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

| State        | Week Ending |          |          |          |          |         |
|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
|              | Jul 5       | Jul 12   | Jul 19   | Jul 26   | Aug 2    | Aug 9   |
|              | 1,000       |          |          |          |          |         |
| AL           | 25,331      | 25,663   | 25,891   | 25,820   | 25,821   | 26,033  |
| AR           | *28,707     | *29,346  | *29,316  | *29,464  | *29,276  | 29,200  |
| DE           | 4,629       | 4,614    | 4,613    | 4,467    | 4,270    | 4,521   |
| FL           | 2,601       | 2,559    | 2,592    | 2,597    | 2,611    | 2,617   |
| GA           | 29,743      | 30,673   | 30,585   | 29,749   | *29,781  | 30,473  |
| MD           | 8,782       | 8,687    | 8,685    | 8,732    | 8,867    | 8,677   |
| MS           | 17,029      | 17,206   | *17,259  | 17,421   | 15,671   | 15,831  |
| NC           | 16,656      | 17,262   | 17,444   | 17,520   | 17,194   | 17,276  |
| PA           | 3,650       | 3,718    | 3,662    | 3,668    | 3,681    | 3,638   |
| SC           | 4,454       | 4,457    | 4,418    | 4,432    | 4,466    | 4,468   |
| TX           | 12,759      | 11,509   | *12,846  | 12,091   | 12,236   | 12,094  |
| VA           | 6,566       | 6,596    | 6,611    | 6,599    | 6,599    | 6,582   |
| CA, TN, & WV | *9,540      | *9,354   | *9,368   | *9,106   | 9,355    | 9,166   |
| 1997 Total   | *170,447    | *171,644 | *173,290 | *171,666 | *169,828 | 170,576 |
| 1996 Total   | 161,058     | 167,007  | 167,001  | 166,628  | 167,017  | 166,341 |
| % of Prev Yr | 106         | 103      | 104      | 103      | 102      | 103     |

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

| State        | Week Ending |          |          |          |          |         |
|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
|              | Jul 5       | Jul 12   | Jul 19   | Jul 26   | Aug 2    | Aug 9   |
|              | 1,000       |          |          |          |          |         |
| AL           | 18,776      | 18,132   | 18,300   | 17,906   | 18,586   | 18,779  |
| AR           | *23,512     | *23,543  | *22,938  | *23,208  | *23,049  | 24,143  |
| DE           | 5,399       | 6,112    | 4,907    | 4,982    | 5,240    | 4,811   |
| FL           | 2,729       | 2,481    | 2,641    | *2,614   | 2,558    | 2,808   |
| GA           | 24,356      | 24,053   | 24,180   | 24,024   | *24,198  | 24,669  |
| MD           | 5,899       | 5,314    | 5,841    | 6,358    | *6,354   | 6,445   |
| MS           | 15,142      | 14,921   | 14,003   | 14,584   | 14,666   | 14,165  |
| NC           | 13,774      | 13,679   | 13,047   | 13,380   | 13,289   | 13,601  |
| PA           | 2,573       | 2,817    | 2,742    | 2,669    | 2,684    | 2,716   |
| SC           | 3,948       | 4,101    | 3,826    | 3,359    | 3,568    | 3,426   |
| TX           | 9,708       | 9,665    | 9,470    | 9,593    | 8,905    | 9,285   |
| VA           | 5,360       | 5,425    | 5,212    | 5,434    | 5,298    | 5,053   |
| CA, TN, & WV | *9,268      | *10,096  | *8,577   | *9,060   | 9,169    | 8,906   |
| 1997 Total   | *140,444    | *140,339 | *135,684 | *137,171 | *137,564 | 138,807 |
| 1996 Total   | 137,124     | 134,543  | 128,727  | 129,768  | 134,314  | 133,569 |
| % of Prev Yr | 102         | 104      | 105      | 106      | 102      | 104     |

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