

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 16, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 137 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 16, 1997. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through August 16, 1997 were 4.58 billion, 3 percent above the 4.44 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 12	Jul 19	Jul 26	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16
	1,000					
AL	25,663	25,891	*25,799	25,821	26,033	26,088
AR	29,346	29,316	29,464	29,276	29,200	29,052
DE	4,614	4,613	*4,260	4,270	4,521	4,369
FL	2,559	2,592	2,597	2,611	2,617	2,590
GA	30,673	30,585	29,749	29,781	*30,374	29,508
MD	8,687	8,685	8,732	8,867	8,677	8,874
MS	17,206	17,259	17,421	15,671	15,831	17,392
NC	17,262	17,444	17,520	17,194	17,276	16,779
PA	3,718	*3,736	*3,734	*3,804	3,638	3,722
SC	4,457	*4,376	4,432	4,466	4,468	4,469
TX	11,509	*12,828	*12,406	*12,206	*12,064	12,038
VA	6,596	6,611	6,599	6,599	6,582	6,610
CA, TN, & WV	9,354	9,368	9,106	9,355	9,166	9,358
1997 Total	171,644	*173,304	*171,819	*169,921	*170,447	170,849
1996 Total	167,007	167,001	166,628	167,017	166,341	166,310
% of Prev Yr	103	104	103	102	102	103

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 12	Jul 19	Jul 26	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16
	1,000					
AL	18,132	18,300	17,906	18,586	18,779	18,291
AR	23,543	22,938	23,208	23,049	24,143	23,251
DE	6,112	4,907	4,982	5,240	4,811	5,303
FL	2,481	2,641	2,614	2,558	2,808	2,672
GA	24,053	24,180	24,024	24,198	*24,555	23,319
MD	5,314	5,841	6,358	6,354	6,445	6,035
MS	14,921	14,003	14,584	14,666	14,165	14,847
NC	13,679	13,047	13,380	13,289	*13,407	13,196
PA	2,817	*2,740	*2,763	*2,805	2,716	2,775
SC	4,101	3,826	3,359	3,568	3,426	4,016
TX	9,665	9,470	9,593	8,905	9,285	9,336
VA	5,425	5,212	5,434	5,298	*5,162	5,019
CA, TN, & WV	10,096	8,577	9,060	9,169	8,906	8,708
1997 Total	140,339	*135,682	*137,265	*137,685	*138,608	136,768
1996 Total	134,543	128,727	129,768	134,314	133,569	133,837
% of Prev Yr	104	105	106	103	104	102

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