

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 August 23, 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 23, 1997 were 4.71 billion, 3 percent above the 4.57 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 19	Jul 26	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 23
	1,000					
AL	25,891	25,799	25,821	26,033	26,088	26,449
AR	29,316	29,464	*29,564	*29,488	29,052	29,203
DE	4,613	4,260	*4,477	4,521	*4,412	4,456
FL	2,592	2,597	2,611	2,617	2,590	2,562
GA	30,585	*29,649	29,781	30,374	*29,444	30,203
MD	8,685	8,732	8,867	8,677	8,874	8,825
MS	17,259	17,421	*16,009	15,831	17,392	17,334
NC	17,444	17,520	17,194	17,276	16,779	16,694
PA	3,736	3,734	3,804	*3,699	*3,762	3,745
SC	4,376	4,432	4,466	4,468	4,469	4,361
TX	12,828	*12,237	12,206	12,064	12,038	12,090
VA	6,611	6,599	6,599	6,582	6,610	6,610
CA, TN, & WV	9,368	9,106	9,355	9,166	*9,529	9,525
1997 Total	173,304	*171,550	*170,754	*170,796	*171,039	172,057
1996 Total	167,001	166,628	167,017	166,341	166,310	167,110
% of Prev Yr	104	103	102	103	103	103

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 19	Jul 26	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 23
	1,000					
AL	18,300	17,906	18,586	18,779	18,291	19,628
AR	22,938	23,208	*23,263	*24,549	23,251	23,184
DE	4,907	4,982	5,240	*5,246	*5,305	5,600
FL	2,641	2,614	2,558	2,808	2,672	2,614
GA	24,180	24,024	24,198	24,555	*23,277	23,345
MD	5,841	6,358	6,354	*6,074	*6,033	5,827
MS	14,003	14,584	14,666	14,165	14,847	13,147
NC	13,047	13,380	13,289	13,407	13,196	13,153
PA	2,740	2,763	2,805	*2,806	*2,810	2,810
SC	3,826	3,359	3,568	3,426	4,016	3,861
TX	9,470	9,593	8,905	9,285	9,336	9,263
VA	5,212	5,434	5,298	5,162	5,019	5,200
CA, TN, & WV	8,577	9,060	9,169	8,906	*8,827	8,884
1997 Total	135,682	137,265	*137,899	*139,168	*136,880	136,516
1996 Total	128,727	129,768	134,314	133,569	133,837	133,870
% of Prev Yr	105	106	103	104	102	102

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