

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 30, 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 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 30, 1997. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through August 30, 1997 were 4.85 billion, 3 percent above the 4.70 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 26	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30
	1,000					
AL	25,799	25,821	26,033	26,088	26,449	26,237
AR	29,464	29,564	29,488	29,052	29,203	28,821
DE	4,260	4,477	4,521	4,412	4,456	4,422
FL	2,597	2,611	2,617	2,590	2,562	2,578
GA	29,649	29,781	*30,512	29,444	*30,478	30,451
MD	8,732	8,867	*8,893	8,874	8,825	7,519
MS	17,421	16,009	*16,282	17,392	17,334	16,817
NC	17,520	17,194	17,276	16,779	16,694	16,496
PA	3,734	3,804	3,699	3,762	3,745	3,732
SC	4,432	4,466	4,468	4,469	4,361	4,437
TX	12,237	12,206	*12,094	12,038	12,090	12,383
VA	6,599	6,599	6,582	6,610	6,610	6,594
CA, TN, & WV	*9,897	*10,151	*10,097	*10,446	*10,404	9,852
1997 Total	*172,341	*171,550	*172,562	*171,956	*173,211	170,339
1996 Total	166,628	167,017	166,341	166,310	167,110	166,215
% of Prev Yr	103	103	104	103	104	102

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 26	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30
	1,000					
AL	17,906	18,586	18,779	18,291	*19,629	18,557
AR	23,208	23,263	24,549	23,251	23,184	22,905
DE	4,982	5,240	5,246	5,305	5,600	5,489
FL	2,614	2,558	2,808	2,672	2,614	2,773
GA	24,024	24,198	24,555	23,277	*23,208	23,928
MD	6,358	6,354	6,074	6,033	5,827	5,951
MS	14,584	14,666	14,165	14,847	13,147	13,690
NC	13,380	13,289	13,407	13,196	13,153	13,081
PA	2,763	2,805	2,806	2,810	2,810	2,718
SC	3,359	3,568	3,426	4,016	3,861	4,104
TX	9,593	8,905	9,285	9,336	9,263	9,148
VA	5,434	5,298	5,162	5,019	5,200	5,266
CA, TN, & WV	*8,672	*8,933	*9,461	*9,054	*9,031	9,331
1997 Total	*136,877	*137,663	*139,723	*137,107	*136,527	136,941
1996 Total	129,768	134,314	133,569	133,837	133,870	134,556
% of Prev Yr	105	102	105	102	102	102

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