

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 171 million eggs during the week ending September 6, 1997. This was up 4 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 138 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 6, 1997. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through September 6, 1997 were 4.99 billion, 3 percent above the 4.84 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sep 6
	1,000					
AL	25,821	26,033	26,088	26,449	*26,198	26,009
AR	29,564	29,488	29,052	29,203	28,821	29,469
DE	4,477	4,521	4,412	4,456	4,422	4,228
FL	2,611	2,617	2,590	2,562	2,578	2,575
GA	29,781	30,512	*29,543	30,478	*30,431	30,556
MD	8,867	8,893	8,874	8,825	7,519	8,140
MS	16,009	16,282	17,392	17,334	16,817	17,060
NC	*17,253	17,276	*16,793	16,694	16,496	16,404
PA	3,804	3,699	3,762	3,745	3,732	3,762
SC	4,466	4,468	4,469	4,361	4,437	4,313
TX	12,206	12,094	*12,070	*12,060	*12,368	12,410
VA	6,599	6,582	6,610	6,610	6,594	6,636
CA, TN, & WV	10,151	10,097	10,446	10,404	*9,687	9,681
1997 Total	*171,609	172,562	*172,101	*173,181	*170,100	171,243
1996 Total	167,017	166,341	166,310	167,110	166,215	164,117
% of Prev Yr	103	104	103	104	102	104

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sep 6
	1,000					
AL	18,586	18,779	18,291	19,629	*18,559	18,461
AR	23,263	24,549	23,251	23,184	22,905	23,592
DE	5,240	5,246	5,305	5,600	*5,538	5,755
FL	2,558	2,808	2,672	2,614	2,773	2,709
GA	24,198	24,555	23,277	23,208	*23,919	23,402
MD	6,354	6,074	6,033	5,827	*5,912	5,564
MS	14,666	14,165	14,847	13,147	13,690	14,548
NC	13,289	13,407	13,196	13,153	13,081	12,963
PA	2,805	2,806	2,810	2,810	2,718	2,802
SC	3,568	3,426	4,016	3,861	*4,065	3,910
TX	*8,901	*9,281	*9,333	*9,261	9,148	9,109
VA	5,298	5,162	5,019	5,200	5,266	5,195
CA, TN, & WV	8,933	9,461	9,054	9,031	*9,300	9,699
1997 Total	*137,659	*139,719	*137,104	*136,525	*136,874	137,709
1996 Total	134,314	133,569	133,837	133,870	134,556	133,735
% of Prev Yr	102	105	102	102	102	103

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