

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 166 million eggs during the week ending September 13, 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 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 138 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 13, 1997. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through September 13, 1997 were 5.13 billion, 3 percent above the 4.97 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sep 6	Sep 13
	1,000					
AL	26,033	26,088	26,449	26,198	26,009	25,850
AR	29,488	29,052	29,203	28,821	29,469	28,182
DE	4,521	4,412	4,456	4,422	4,228	3,953
FL	2,617	2,590	2,562	2,578	2,575	2,513
GA	30,512	29,543	30,478	30,431	*30,539	28,332
MD	8,893	8,874	8,825	7,519	8,140	7,982
MS	16,282	17,392	17,334	16,817	17,060	17,070
NC	17,276	16,793	16,694	16,496	16,404	16,221
PA	3,699	3,762	3,745	3,732	3,762	3,686
SC	4,468	4,469	4,361	4,437	4,313	4,391
TX	12,094	12,070	12,060	12,368	12,410	12,241
VA	6,582	6,610	6,610	6,594	*6,644	6,463
CA, TN, & WV	10,097	10,446	10,404	9,687	9,681	9,150
1997 Total	172,562	172,101	173,181	170,100	*171,234	166,034
1996 Total	166,341	166,310	167,110	166,215	164,117	159,223
% of Prev Yr	104	103	104	102	104	104

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sep 6	Sep 13
	1,000					
AL	18,779	18,291	19,629	18,559	18,461	18,427
AR	24,549	23,251	23,184	22,905	23,592	23,658
DE	5,246	5,305	5,600	5,538	5,755	4,870
FL	2,808	2,672	2,614	2,773	2,709	2,608
GA	24,555	23,277	23,208	23,919	*23,413	24,192
MD	6,074	6,033	5,827	5,912	*5,566	5,910
MS	14,165	14,847	13,147	13,690	14,548	14,174
NC	13,407	13,196	13,153	13,081	12,963	13,209
PA	2,806	2,810	2,810	2,718	2,802	2,791
SC	3,426	4,016	3,861	4,065	3,910	3,736
TX	9,281	9,333	9,261	9,148	9,109	8,953
VA	5,162	5,019	5,200	5,266	*5,382	5,526
CA, TN, & WV	9,461	9,054	9,031	9,300	*9,598	9,717
1997 Total	139,719	137,104	136,525	136,874	*137,808	137,771
1996 Total	133,569	133,837	133,870	134,556	133,735	134,956
% of Prev Yr	105	102	102	102	103	102

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