

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 165 million eggs during the week ending September 20, 1997. This was up 6 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 137 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 20, 1997. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through September 20, 1997 were 5.26 billion, 3 percent above the 5.11 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sep 6	Sep 13	Sep 20
	1,000					
AL	26,088	26,449	*26,021	26,009	25,850	26,020
AR	*29,430	*29,429	*29,199	29,469	28,182	28,724
DE	4,412	4,456	4,422	4,228	3,953	4,102
FL	2,590	2,562	2,578	2,575	2,513	2,487
GA	29,543	30,478	*30,476	30,539	*28,312	28,528
MD	8,874	8,825	*8,639	8,140	7,982	8,402
MS	17,392	17,334	16,817	17,060	17,070	16,617
NC	16,793	16,694	*16,483	16,404	16,221	15,627
PA	3,762	*3,724	*3,760	*3,657	*3,562	3,502
SC	4,469	4,361	4,437	4,313	4,391	4,381
TX	12,070	12,060	12,368	12,410	12,241	12,049
VA	6,610	6,610	6,594	6,644	*6,111	6,111
CA, TN, & WV	10,446	10,404	9,687	9,681	9,150	8,548
1997 Total	*172,479	*173,386	*171,481	*171,129	*165,538	165,098
1996 Total	166,310	167,110	166,215	164,117	159,223	155,539
% of Prev Yr	104	104	103	104	104	106

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sep 6	Sep 13	Sep 20
	1,000					
AL	18,291	19,629	18,559	*18,601	*18,610	18,438
AR	23,251	23,184	*23,182	23,592	23,658	24,363
DE	5,305	5,600	5,538	5,755	4,870	4,692
FL	2,672	2,614	2,773	2,709	*2,639	2,711
GA	23,277	23,208	23,919	23,413	24,192	24,075
MD	6,033	5,827	*5,914	5,566	5,910	6,243
MS	14,847	13,147	13,690	14,548	14,174	13,881
NC	13,196	13,153	13,081	12,963	13,209	13,103
PA	2,810	*2,815	*2,684	*2,725	*2,777	2,737
SC	4,016	3,861	4,065	3,910	3,736	3,210
TX	9,333	9,261	9,148	9,109	8,953	9,226
VA	5,019	5,200	5,266	5,382	*5,539	5,410
CA, TN, & WV	9,054	9,031	9,300	9,598	*9,683	9,191
1997 Total	137,104	*136,530	*137,119	*137,871	*137,950	137,280
1996 Total	133,837	133,870	134,556	133,735	134,956	134,728
% of Prev Yr	102	102	102	103	102	102

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