

# 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 164 million eggs during the week ending September 27, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 137 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 27, 1997. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through September 27, 1997 were 5.40 billion, 3 percent above the 5.24 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sep 6	Sep 13	Sep 20	Sep 27
	1,000					
AL	26,449	26,021	26,009	25,850	26,020	24,018
AR	*29,445	*29,263	*29,602	*28,419	*28,791	27,998
DE	4,456	4,422	4,228	3,953	4,102	4,162
FL	2,562	2,578	2,575	2,513	2,487	2,362
GA	30,478	30,476	30,539	28,312	*28,506	29,033
MD	8,825	8,639	8,140	7,982	8,402	8,203
MS	17,334	16,817	17,060	17,070	16,617	17,253
NC	16,694	16,483	16,404	16,221	*15,137	16,283
PA	3,724	3,760	3,657	3,562	3,502	3,796
SC	4,361	4,437	4,313	4,391	4,381	4,197
TX	12,060	12,368	*12,409	*12,254	*12,019	11,445
VA	6,610	6,594	6,644	6,111	*6,251	6,468
CA, TN, & WV	10,404	9,687	9,681	9,150	8,548	9,079
1997 Total	*173,402	*171,545	*171,261	*165,788	*164,763	164,297
1996 Total	167,110	166,215	164,117	159,223	155,539	157,399
% of Prev Yr	104	103	104	104	106	104

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sep 6	Sep 13	Sep 20	Sep 27
	1,000					
AL	19,629	18,559	18,601	18,610	18,438	18,121
AR	*23,156	*23,129	*23,577	*23,642	*24,357	23,996
DE	5,600	5,538	5,755	4,870	4,692	4,900
FL	2,614	2,773	2,709	2,639	2,711	2,574
GA	23,208	23,919	23,413	24,192	*24,125	24,496
MD	5,827	5,914	5,566	5,910	6,243	5,650
MS	13,147	13,690	14,548	14,174	13,881	14,354
NC	13,153	13,081	12,963	13,209	*12,993	12,709
PA	2,815	2,684	2,725	2,777	2,737	2,925
SC	3,861	4,065	3,910	3,736	3,210	3,619
TX	9,261	9,148	9,109	8,953	9,226	9,506
VA	5,200	5,266	5,382	5,539	5,410	5,236
CA, TN, & WV	9,031	9,300	9,598	9,683	*9,465	8,613
1997 Total	*136,502	*137,066	*137,856	*137,934	*137,488	136,699
1996 Total	133,870	134,556	133,735	134,956	134,728	132,526
% of Prev Yr	102	102	103	102	102	103

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