

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 169 million eggs during the week ending October 4, 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 130 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 4, 1997. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through October 4, 1997 were 5.53 billion, 3 percent above the 5.37 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 30	Sep 6	Sep 13	Sep 20	Sep 27	Oct 4
	1,000					
AL	26,021	26,009	*23,438	26,020	24,018	25,969
AR	29,263	29,602	28,419	28,791	27,998	28,798
DE	4,422	4,228	3,953	4,102	4,162	4,298
FL	2,578	2,575	2,513	2,487	2,362	2,508
GA	30,476	30,539	*28,323	28,506	29,033	30,216
MD	8,639	8,140	*7,574	*8,144	8,203	8,240
MS	16,817	17,060	*17,086	16,617	17,253	16,714
NC	16,483	16,404	*16,381	15,137	16,283	15,725
PA	3,760	3,657	3,562	3,502	3,796	3,638
SC	4,437	4,313	4,391	4,381	4,197	4,493
TX	12,368	12,409	12,254	12,019	11,445	12,153
VA	6,594	6,644	6,111	6,251	6,468	6,672
CA, TN, & WV	9,687	9,681	9,150	8,548	9,079	9,999
1997 Total	171,545	171,261	*163,155	*164,505	164,297	169,423
1996 Total	166,215	164,117	159,223	155,539	157,399	163,679
% of Prev Yr	103	104	102	106	104	104

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 30	Sep 6	Sep 13	Sep 20	Sep 27	Oct 4
	1,000					
AL	18,559	18,601	18,610	18,438	18,121	17,071
AR	23,129	23,577	23,642	24,357	23,996	22,432
DE	5,538	5,755	4,870	4,692	4,900	5,000
FL	2,773	2,709	2,639	2,711	*2,569	2,713
GA	23,919	23,413	*24,221	24,125	24,496	22,568
MD	5,914	5,566	5,910	6,243	5,650	4,934
MS	13,690	14,548	14,174	13,881	14,354	13,982
NC	13,081	12,963	13,209	12,993	12,709	12,449
PA	2,684	2,725	2,777	2,737	2,925	2,740
SC	4,065	3,910	3,736	3,210	3,619	3,635
TX	9,148	9,109	8,953	9,226	9,506	9,329
VA	5,266	5,382	5,539	5,410	*5,228	4,815
CA, TN, & WV	9,300	9,598	9,683	9,465	*8,607	8,283
1997 Total	137,066	137,856	*137,963	137,488	*136,680	129,951
1996 Total	134,556	133,735	134,956	134,728	132,526	126,824
% of Prev Yr	102	103	102	102	103	102

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