

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 October 11, 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 81 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 131 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 11, 1997. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through October 11, 1997 were 5.66 billion, 3 percent above the 5.49 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| | Sep 6 | Sep 13 | Sep 20 | Sep 27 | Oct 4 | Oct 11 |
| | 1,000 | | | | | |
| AL | 26,009 | *23,438 | 26,020 | 24,018 | 25,969 | 23,831 |
| AR | 29,602 | 28,419 | 28,791 | 27,998 | 28,798 | 28,756 |
| DE | 4,228 | 3,953 | 4,102 | 4,162 | 4,298 | 4,229 |
| FL | 2,575 | 2,513 | 2,487 | 2,362 | 2,508 | 2,563 |
| GA | 30,539 | 28,323 | 28,506 | 29,033 | *30,269 | 28,888 |
| MD | 8,140 | 7,574 | 8,144 | 8,203 | 8,240 | 8,138 |
| MS | 17,060 | 17,086 | 16,617 | 17,253 | 16,714 | 17,056 |
| NC | *16,142 | *16,050 | *14,834 | 16,283 | 15,725 | 15,942 |
| PA | 3,657 | 3,562 | 3,502 | 3,796 | *3,448 | 3,539 |
| SC | 4,313 | 4,391 | 4,381 | 4,197 | 4,493 | 4,389 |
| TX | 12,409 | 12,254 | *11,596 | *11,415 | *12,123 | 11,733 |
| VA | 6,644 | 6,111 | 6,251 | 6,468 | 6,672 | 6,269 |
| CA, TN, & WV | 9,681 | 9,150 | *9,073 | 9,079 | 9,999 | 9,625 |
| 1997 Total | *170,999 | *162,824 | *164,304 | *164,267 | *169,256 | 164,958 |
| 1996 Total | 164,117 | 159,223 | 155,539 | 157,399 | 163,679 | 156,227 |
| % of Prev Yr | 104 | 102 | 106 | 104 | 103 | 106 |

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|
| | Sep 6 | Sep 13 | Sep 20 | Sep 27 | Oct 4 | Oct 11 |
| | 1,000 | | | | | |
| AL | 18,601 | 18,610 | 18,438 | 18,121 | 17,071 | 18,553 |
| AR | 23,577 | 23,642 | 24,357 | 23,996 | 22,432 | 22,964 |
| DE | 5,755 | 4,870 | 4,692 | 4,900 | 5,000 | 4,634 |
| FL | 2,709 | 2,639 | 2,711 | 2,569 | 2,713 | 2,863 |
| GA | 23,413 | 24,221 | 24,125 | 24,496 | *22,561 | 22,513 |
| MD | 5,566 | 5,910 | 6,243 | 5,650 | 4,934 | 5,795 |
| MS | 14,548 | 14,174 | 13,881 | 14,354 | 13,982 | 14,104 |
| NC | 12,963 | *13,089 | 12,993 | 12,709 | *12,357 | 12,030 |
| PA | 2,725 | 2,777 | 2,737 | *2,802 | *2,710 | 2,659 |
| SC | 3,910 | 3,736 | 3,210 | 3,619 | 3,635 | 3,202 |
| TX | 9,109 | 8,953 | 9,226 | 9,506 | *9,331 | 8,818 |
| VA | 5,382 | 5,539 | 5,410 | 5,228 | 4,815 | 4,670 |
| CA, TN, & WV | 9,598 | 9,683 | 9,465 | *8,608 | 8,283 | 7,958 |
| 1997 Total | 137,856 | *137,843 | 137,488 | *136,558 | *129,824 | 130,763 |
| 1996 Total | 133,735 | 134,956 | 134,728 | 132,526 | 126,824 | 123,682 |
| % of Prev Yr | 103 | 102 | 102 | 103 | 102 | 106 |

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