

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 164 million eggs during the week ending November 1, 1997. This was up 3 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 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 133 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 1, 1997. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through November 1, 1997 were 6.06 billion, 3 percent above the 5.87 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 27	Oct 4	Oct 11	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1
	1,000					
AL	24,018	25,600	*23,812	23,877	22,717	24,142
AR	27,998	29,689	29,647	27,834	26,789	28,065
DE	4,162	4,298	4,229	3,533	4,198	4,488
FL	2,362	2,719	2,796	2,880	2,542	2,425
GA	28,068	30,269	28,914	27,044	*27,619	28,280
MD	8,072	8,153	8,138	7,567	7,283	8,530
MS	17,253	16,714	17,056	16,940	15,826	16,103
NC	16,083	15,775	*15,969	14,802	15,835	15,972
PA	3,796	3,448	3,438	3,321	3,198	3,353
SC	4,197	4,493	4,389	4,130	4,325	4,231
TX	11,385	12,108	*12,095	11,753	11,441	11,522
VA	6,468	6,672	6,271	6,147	6,391	6,078
CA, TN, & WV	9,079	9,999	9,644	9,484	9,697	10,648
1997 Total	162,941	169,937	*166,398	159,312	*157,861	163,837
1996 Total	157,399	163,679	156,227	154,973	150,501	158,685
% of Prev Yr	104	104	107	103	105	103

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 27	Oct 4	Oct 11	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1
	1,000					
AL	18,121	17,071	18,553	16,710	18,484	16,808
AR	23,996	22,729	23,260	23,042	23,474	23,154
DE	4,900	5,000	4,634	5,429	5,841	4,440
FL	2,569	2,713	2,863	2,502	2,461	2,643
GA	24,496	22,561	22,520	22,017	*23,839	23,222
MD	5,650	4,934	5,795	5,042	4,927	6,381
MS	14,354	13,982	14,104	14,697	14,255	14,324
NC	12,709	12,357	12,030	12,659	12,711	12,401
PA	2,802	2,710	2,634	2,780	2,713	2,594
SC	3,619	3,635	3,202	3,079	4,051	4,220
TX	9,506	9,331	8,818	*8,740	*9,163	9,304
VA	5,228	4,815	4,628	5,001	5,118	4,618
CA, TN, & WV	8,608	8,283	7,985	8,356	9,343	8,821
1997 Total	136,558	130,121	131,026	*130,054	*136,380	132,930
1996 Total	132,526	126,824	123,682	125,944	130,221	125,501
% of Prev Yr	103	103	106	103	105	106

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