

# Broiler Hatchery



USDA  
Washington, D.C.

---

Released November 19, 1997, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture. For information on "Broiler Hatchery" call Tom Kruchten at (202) 690-4870, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

## Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 170 million eggs during the week ending November 15, 1997. This was up 2 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 125 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 15, 1997. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through November 15, 1997 were 6.31 billion, 3 percent above the 6.12 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

\* \* \* \* \*

The next "Broiler Hatchery" report will be released at 3 p.m. ET on November 26, 1997.

## Subscription Information

To subscribe to **NASS** reports or to order single copies, call toll free, **1-800-999-6779**. You may write: **ERS/NASS**, 341 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 22070.

Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 11	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15
	1,000					
AL	23,812	24,195	*22,508	24,142	25,083	25,516
AR	29,647	27,834	26,789	28,065	29,200	28,377
DE	4,229	3,533	4,198	4,488	4,449	4,271
FL	2,796	2,880	*2,642	2,425	2,939	2,917
GA	28,914	26,729	*27,470	28,089	*27,770	28,297
MD	8,138	7,713	*7,371	8,530	8,646	8,362
MS	17,056	16,940	15,826	16,103	16,891	17,500
NC	15,969	14,714	*15,964	15,972	17,158	17,170
PA	3,438	3,321	3,198	3,370	3,575	3,533
SC	4,389	4,130	4,325	4,231	4,365	4,391
TX	12,095	11,753	*11,048	11,522	12,060	12,083
VA	6,271	6,147	6,391	6,078	6,617	6,523
CA, TN, & WV	9,644	9,484	9,697	10,648	10,321	11,050
1997 Total	166,398	159,373	*157,427	163,663	*169,074	169,990
1996 Total	156,227	154,973	150,501	158,685	166,637	166,941
% of Prev Yr	107	103	105	103	101	102

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 11	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15
	1,000					
AL	18,553	16,710	*18,517	16,808	17,070	15,831
AR	23,260	23,042	23,474	23,154	21,368	20,404
DE	4,634	5,429	5,841	4,440	4,868	5,019
FL	2,863	2,502	2,461	2,643	2,757	2,701
GA	22,520	22,017	23,839	23,219	*21,659	21,582
MD	5,795	5,042	4,927	6,381	4,754	5,042
MS	14,104	14,697	14,255	14,324	14,184	13,619
NC	12,030	12,659	12,711	12,401	11,676	12,568
PA	2,634	2,780	2,713	2,605	2,512	2,597
SC	3,202	3,079	4,051	4,220	3,949	3,672
TX	8,818	8,740	9,163	9,311	8,640	8,496
VA	4,628	5,001	5,118	4,618	4,812	4,593
CA, TN, & WV	7,985	8,356	*9,344	8,819	*8,132	9,122
1997 Total	131,026	130,054	*136,414	132,943	*126,381	125,246
1996 Total	123,682	125,944	130,221	125,501	124,488	120,536
% of Prev Yr	106	103	105	106	102	104

\* Revised.