

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 176 million eggs during the week ending November 22, 1997. This was up 5 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 November 22, 1997. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1996. Cumulative placements from December 29, 1996, through November 22, 1997 were 6.44 billion, 3 percent above the 6.24 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 22
	1,000					
AL	24,195	22,508	24,142	25,083	25,516	25,791
AR	27,834	26,789	*28,609	29,200	28,377	29,218
DE	3,533	4,198	4,488	4,449	4,271	4,536
FL	2,880	2,642	2,425	2,939	2,917	2,930
GA	26,729	27,470	*27,773	27,770	28,297	29,329
MD	7,713	7,371	8,530	8,646	8,362	8,749
MS	16,940	15,826	16,103	16,891	17,500	16,584
NC	14,714	15,964	*16,130	17,158	17,170	16,557
PA	3,321	3,198	3,370	3,575	*3,494	3,685
SC	4,130	4,325	4,231	4,365	4,391	4,405
TX	11,753	11,048	11,522	12,060	*12,091	17,913
VA	6,147	6,391	6,078	6,617	6,523	6,015
CA, TN, & WV	*9,486	*9,704	*10,638	*10,323	*11,039	10,664
1997 Total	*159,375	*157,434	*164,039	*169,076	*169,948	176,376
1996 Total	154,973	150,501	158,685	166,637	166,941	168,089
% of Prev Yr	103	105	103	101	102	105

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 22
	1,000					
AL	16,710	18,517	16,808	17,070	15,831	17,041
AR	23,042	23,474	23,154	21,368	20,404	23,171
DE	5,429	5,841	4,440	4,868	5,019	4,864
FL	2,502	2,461	2,643	2,757	2,701	2,115
GA	22,017	23,839	23,219	21,659	*21,561	22,909
MD	5,042	4,927	6,381	4,754	5,042	5,640
MS	14,697	14,255	14,324	14,184	13,619	13,366
NC	12,659	12,711	12,401	11,676	12,568	12,714
PA	2,780	2,713	2,605	2,512	*2,582	2,761
SC	3,079	4,051	4,220	3,949	3,672	3,129
TX	8,740	9,163	9,311	8,640	*8,409	8,819
VA	5,001	5,118	4,618	4,812	4,593	4,548
CA, TN, & WV	*8,368	*9,352	*8,820	*8,135	*9,127	8,981
1997 Total	*130,066	*136,422	*132,944	*126,384	*125,128	130,058
1996 Total	125,944	130,221	125,501	124,488	120,536	127,422
% of Prev Yr	103	105	106	102	104	102

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