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State	Week Ending					
	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 22	Nov 29	Dec 6
	1,000					
AL	24,142	25,115	25,609	25,791	25,840	25,464
AR	*28,654	*28,928	*28,828	*29,306	29,888	29,476
DE	4,488	4,449	4,271	4,536	4,542	4,374
FL	2,425	2,939	2,917	2,930	2,992	2,915
GA	27,773	27,770	*28,770	*29,451	*29,936	29,797
MD	8,352	8,646	*8,299	8,749	8,785	8,587
MS	16,103	16,891	*17,499	16,584	17,490	17,233
NC	16,130	17,158	17,170	16,557	17,167	16,050
PA	3,370	3,575	3,494	3,685	*3,502	3,583
SC	4,231	4,365	4,391	4,405	4,365	4,310
TX	11,522	12,454	*12,485	12,334	*12,313	12,327
VA	6,078	6,617	6,523	6,015	*6,427	6,259
CA, TN, & WV	10,638	10,323	*11,100	10,664	11,029	10,632
1997 Total	*163,906	*169,230	*171,356	*171,007	*174,276	171,007
1996 Total	158,685	166,637	166,941	168,089	169,854	168,466
% of Prev Yr	103	102	103	102	103	102

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

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AL	16,808	17,070	15,899	17,041	18,673	18,788
AR	*22,479	*21,344	*20,861	*23,177	*23,658	22,904
DE	4,440	4,868	5,019	4,864	5,084	4,794
FL	2,643	2,757	2,701	2,115	2,371	2,798
GA	23,219	21,659	*21,567	22,986	*22,577	23,145
MD	6,381	4,754	5,042	5,640	5,604	5,687
MS	14,324	14,184	13,619	13,366	13,980	14,578
NC	12,401	11,676	12,568	12,610	13,522	13,033
PA	2,605	2,512	2,582	2,761	*2,725	2,705
SC	4,220	3,949	3,672	3,129	3,531	3,567
TX	*9,304	*8,634	*8,403	*8,818	*9,494	9,592
VA	4,618	4,812	4,593	4,548	*5,648	5,213
CA, TN, & WV	8,820	8,135	*8,978	8,981	8,818	9,253
1997 Total	*132,262	*126,354	*125,504	*130,036	*135,685	136,057
1996 Total	125,501	124,488	120,536	127,422	134,832	134,774
% of Prev Yr	105	101	104	102	101	101

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