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	1,000					
AL	25,115	25,609	25,791	25,840	25,464	25,457
AR	28,928	*29,187	29,306	29,888	*29,753	29,256
DE	4,449	4,271	4,536	4,542	*4,429	4,141
FL	2,939	2,917	2,930	2,992	2,915	2,404
GA	*27,852	28,770	29,451	29,936	*29,754	30,361
MD	8,646	8,299	8,749	8,785	8,587	8,661
MS	16,891	17,499	16,584	17,490	17,233	17,145
NC	17,158	*16,696	*16,795	*17,156	*16,455	16,796
PA	3,575	3,494	3,685	3,502	3,583	4,381
SC	4,365	4,391	4,405	4,365	4,310	4,356
TX	12,454	12,485	*12,395	12,313	12,327	12,316
VA	6,617	6,523	*6,492	6,427	6,259	6,383
CA, TN, & WV	10,323	11,100	10,664	11,029	10,632	10,092
1997 Total	*169,312	*171,241	*171,783	*174,265	*171,701	171,749
1996 Total	166,637	166,941	168,089	169,854	168,466	169,406
% of Prev Yr	102	103	102	103	102	101

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

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AL	17,070	15,899	17,041	18,673	18,788	18,424
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DE	4,868	5,019	4,864	5,084	*4,856	4,510
FL	2,757	2,701	2,115	2,371	2,798	2,249
GA	*21,541	21,567	22,986	22,577	*23,133	23,909
MD	4,754	5,042	5,640	5,604	*5,776	6,534
MS	14,184	13,619	13,366	13,980	14,578	13,936
NC	11,676	12,568	12,610	*13,558	*13,029	13,167
PA	2,512	2,582	2,761	2,725	2,705	2,770
SC	3,949	3,672	3,129	3,531	*3,580	3,210
TX	8,634	8,403	8,818	9,494	9,592	9,629
VA	4,812	4,593	4,548	5,648	*5,035	5,436
CA, TN, & WV	8,135	8,978	8,981	8,818	9,253	9,539
1997 Total	*126,236	125,504	130,036	*135,721	*136,321	136,265
1996 Total	124,488	120,536	127,422	134,832	134,774	134,570
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