

PULLET CHICKS FOR BROILER
HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS
December 1963

January 15, 1964

Domestic placements of pullet chicks for broiler hatchery supply flocks by leading primary breeders were 1,622,000 during December 1963, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 32 percent more than domestic placements in December 1962 and 14 percent more than December 1961. Total placements (domestic plus exports) were 1,952,000 chicks compared to 1,636,000 a year earlier and with 1,685,000 in December 1961. Aggregate domestic placements of pullet chicks during 1963 totaled 30,349,000, 5 percent more than placements of 29,011,000 during 1962, and 2 percent more than 1961.

The placement data include pullet chicks sold during the month, plus the number of pullet chicks expected from eggs sold during the preceding month. The conversion from eggs to expected pullet chicks was made on the basis of 125 pullet chicks per case of hatching eggs sold. The primary breeders included in this report account for a large percentage of total supply of replacement pullets for broiler hatchery supply flocks. Sales of replacement pullets by these breeders provide an indication of the potential number of pullets available for addition to hatchery egg supply flocks several months before the pullets will actually move into the flocks.

Pullet Chicks ^{1/} Placements for Broiler Hatchery Supply Flocks
(Reported by leading breeders)

Month	Total			Domestic			1963 as pct. of 1962
	1961	1962	1963	1961	1962	1963	
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January	2,268	2,315	2,137	1,871	2,075	1,715	83
February	2,743	2,586	2,569	2,373	2,394	2,227	93
March	4,158	3,694	3,272	3,685	3,371	2,929	87
April	4,274	3,791	4,534	3,894	3,350	4,080	122
May	3,729	2,874	3,983	3,329	2,529	3,551	140
June	3,119	2,213	3,118	2,763	1,951	2,670	137
July	2,633	2,498	2,562	2,360	2,278	2,140	94
August	2,450	2,831	2,733	2,258	2,628	2,266	86
September	2,242	2,571	2,907	2,049	2,331	2,473	106
October	2,186	2,930	2,964	1,950	2,607	2,561	98
November	2,104	2,723	2,452	1,857	2,268	2,115	93
December	1,685	1,636	1,952	1,420	1,229	1,622	132
Annual Total	33,591	32,662	35,183	29,809	29,011	30,349	105

^{1/} Includes expected pullet replacements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs.

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