

PULLET CHICKS FOR BROILER
HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS
February 1964

March 16, 1964

Domestic placements of pullet chicks for broiler hatchery supply flocks by leading primary breeders totaled 2,298,000 during February 1964. This was 3 percent more than domestic placements of 2,227,000 chicks in February 1963 but 4 percent less than February 1962. Total placements (domestic plus exports) were reported at 2,725,000, compared to 2,569,000 a year earlier and 2,586,000 in February 1962. Domestic placements of pullet chicks by leading primary breeders for January plus February 1964 totaled 4,268,000, 8 percent more than during the same period of 1963.

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 very 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			1964 as pct. of 1963
	1962	1963	1964	1962	1963	1964	
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January	2,315	2,137	2,294	2,075	1,715	1,970	115
February	2,586	2,569	2,725	2,394	2,227	2,298	103
March	3,694	3,272		3,371	2,929		
April	3,791	4,534		3,350	4,080		
May	2,874	3,983		2,529	3,551		
June	2,213	3,118		1,951	2,670		
July	2,498	2,562		2,278	2,140		
August	2,831	2,733		2,628	2,266		
September	2,571	2,907		2,331	2,473		
October	2,930	2,964		2,607	2,561		
November	2,723	2,452		2,268	2,115		
December	1,636	1,952		1,229	1,622		
Annual Total	32,662	35,183		29,011	30,349		

^{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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