

PULLET CHICKS FOR BROILER
HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS
August 1964

September 15, 1964

Domestic placements of pullet chicks for broiler hatchery supply flocks by leading primary breeders totaled 2,581,000 during August 1964, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 14 percent more than domestic placements of 2,266,000 chicks in August 1963 but 2 percent less than August 1962. Total placements (domestic plus exports) were reported at 2,879,000 compared with 2,733,000 a year earlier and 2,831,000 in August 1962. Domestic placements of pullet chicks by leading primary breeders for January through August 1964 totaled 20,558,000, 5 percent less 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 Chick Placements for Broiler Hatchery Supply Flocks ^{1/}
(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	3,605	3,371	2,929	3,254	111
April	3,791	4,534	3,312	3,350	4,080	2,880	71
May	2,874	3,983	2,637	2,529	3,551	2,302	65
June	2,213	3,118	2,993	1,951	2,670	2,671	100
July	2,498	2,562	2,885	2,278	2,140	2,602	122
August	2,831	2,733	2,879	2,628	2,266	2,581	114
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 for eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs.

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