

PULLET CHICKS FOR BROILER
HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS
February, 1965

March 15, 1965

Domestic placements of pullet chicks for broiler hatchery supply flocks by leading primary breeders totaled 2,728,000 during February 1965, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 14 percent more than domestic placements of 2,400,000 chicks in February 1964. Total placements domestic plus exports were reported at 3,189,000 compared to 2,839,000 a year earlier. Domestic placements of pullet chicks by leading primary breeders for January plus February 1965, totaled 4,828,000, 7 percent more than during the same period of 1964.

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	:Excluding additional breeders:			:Including additional breeders			
	:Domestic			:Domestic		:Total	
	: 1964	: 1965	: 1964	: 1965	: 1965 as	: 1964	: 1965
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January	1,970	2,001	2,103	2,100	100	2,457	2,590
February	2,298	2,612	2,400	2,728	114	2,839	3,189
March	3,263		3,381			3,742	
April	2,880		3,024			3,466	
May	2,302		2,391			2,744	
June	2,692		2,805			3,145	
July	2,618		2,701			2,994	
August	2,592		2,695			3,000	
September	2,299		2,436			2,833	
October	2,502		2,578			2,959	
November	2,039		2,144			2,597	
December	1,864		1,898			2,238	
Annual Total	29,319		30,556			35,014	

^{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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