

**PULLET CHICKS FOR BROILER  
HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**

December 1965

January 14, 1966

Domestic placements during December 1965 of pullet chicks for broiler hatchery supply flocks by leading primary breeders totaled 2,757,000 chicks, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 45 percent more than domestic placements of 1,898,000 in December 1964. Total placements (domestic plus exports) were reported at 3,186,000 compared with 2,238,000 a year earlier. Domestic placements of pullet chicks by leading primary breeders during 1965 totaled 33,892,000 -- 11 percent more than in 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 <sup>1/</sup>  
(Reported by leading breeders)

Month	Excluding additional breeders:		Including additional breeders			Total	
	Domestic	Domestic	Domestic	Domestic	1965 as percent of 1964	1964	1965 <sup>2/</sup>
	1964	1965 <sup>2/</sup>	1964	1965 <sup>2/</sup>	percent of 1964	1964	1965 <sup>2/</sup>
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January	1,970	2,006	2,103	2,105	100	2,457	2,606
February	2,298	2,614	2,400	2,730	114	2,839	3,190
March	3,263	3,289	3,381	3,448	102	3,742	3,967
April	2,880	3,780	3,024	3,893	129	3,466	4,417
May	2,302	3,208	2,391	3,363	141	2,744	3,949
June	2,692	2,671	2,805	2,810	100	3,145	3,333
July	2,618	2,579	2,701	2,687	99	2,994	3,120
August	2,592	2,349	2,695	2,429	90	3,000	2,798
September	2,299	2,392	2,436	2,483	102	2,833	2,948
October	2,502	2,526	2,578	2,607	101	2,959	3,027
November	2,039	2,490	2,144	2,580	120	2,597	3,076
December	1,864	2,642	1,898	2,757	145	2,238	3,186
Annual Total	29,319	32,546	30,556	33,892	111	35,014	39,617

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

<sup>2/</sup> Revised.

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