

**PULLET CHICKS FOR BROILER
HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**

October 1966

November 15, 1966

Domestic placements of pullets for broiler hatchery supply flocks by leading primary breeders totaled 3,213,000 during October 1966, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 23 percent more than domestic placements of chicks in October 1965. Total placements (domestic plus exports) were reported at 3,620,000 compared with 3,027,000 a year earlier. Domestic placements of pullet chicks by leading primary breeders for January through October total 34,149,000, an increase of 20 percent from the same period last year.

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 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		1966 as pct. of 1965 Percent
	1965	1966	1965	1966	
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January	2,606	3,076	2,105	2,623	125
February	3,190	3,372	2,730	2,990	110
March	3,967	4,302	3,448	3,843	111
April	4,417	4,420	3,893	3,920	101
May	3,949	4,309	3,363	3,787	113
June	3,333	4,413	2,810	3,937	140
July	3,120	3,672	2,687	3,091	115
August	2,798	3,552	2,429	3,060	126
September	2,948	4,169	2,483	3,685	148
October	3,027	3,620	2,607	3,213	123
November	3,076		2,580		
December	3,186		2,757		
Annual Total	39,617		33,892		

^{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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