

PULLET CHICKS FOR BROILER
HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS

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Domestic placements of pullet chicks for broiler hatchery supply flocks by leading primary breeders totaled 2,930,000 during November 1967, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 5 percent more than domestic placements of chicks in November 1966. Total placements (domestic plus exports) were reported at 3,374,000 compared with 3,197,000 a year earlier. Domestic placements of pullet chicks by leading primary breeders for January through November totaled 33,424,000, a decrease of 10 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		1967 as pct. of 1966
	1966	1967	1966	1967	
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January	3,076	3,028	2,623	2,607	99
February	3,372	3,415	2,990	2,938	98
March	4,302	4,060	3,843	3,623	94
April	4,420	3,993	3,920	3,480	89
May	4,309	3,646	3,787	3,336	88
June	4,413	3,935	3,937	3,590	91
July	3,672	2,916	3,091	2,642	85
August	3,552	2,971	3,060	2,672	87
September	4,169	3,400	3,685	3,008	82
October	3,620	3,041	3,213	2,598	81
November	3,197	3,374	2,794	2,930	105
December	3,114		2,769		
Annual Total	45,216		39,712		

^{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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