

**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 2,749,000 during December 1967, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 1 percent less than domestic placements of chicks in December 1966. Total placements (domestic plus exports) were reported at 3,085,000 compared with 3,114,000 a year earlier. Domestic placements of pullet chicks by leading primary breeders for 1967 totaled 36,492,000, a decrease of 8 percent from 1966.

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 ^{2/}	1966	1967 ^{2/}	
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January	3,076	3,094	2,623	2,649	101
February	3,372	3,450	2,990	2,947	99
March	4,302	4,112	3,843	3,650	95
April	4,420	4,037	3,920	3,504	89
May	4,309	3,688	3,787	3,364	89
June	4,413	3,984	3,937	3,620	92
July	3,672	2,971	3,091	2,673	86
August	3,552	3,047	3,060	2,704	88
September	4,169	3,453	3,685	3,041	83
October	3,620	3,090	3,213	2,632	82
November	3,197	3,416	2,794	2,959	106
December	3,114	3,085	2,769	2,749	99
Annual Total	45,216	41,427	39,712	36,492	92

^{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.

^{2/} Revised.

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