

PULLET CHICKS FOR BROILER
HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS
APRIL 1968

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Domestic placements of pullet chicks for broiler hatchery supply flocks by leading primary breeders totaled 3,738,000 during April 1968, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 7 percent more than domestic placements of chicks in April 1967. Total placements (domestic plus exports) were reported at 4,303,000 compared with 4,037,000 a year earlier. Domestic placements of pullet chicks by leading primary breeders for January through April totaled 12,459,000, a decrease of 2 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		1968 as % of 1967
	1967	1968	1967	1968	
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January	3,094	2,929	2,649	2,518	95
February	3,450	3,270	2,947	2,841	96
March	4,112	3,931	3,650	3,362	92
April	4,037	4,303	3,504	3,738	107
May	3,688		3,364		
June	3,984		3,620		
July	2,971		2,673		
August	3,047		2,704		
September	3,453		3,041		
October	3,090		2,632		
November	3,416		2,959		
December	3,085		2,749		
Annual Total	41,427		36,492		

^{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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