

PULLET CHICKS FOR BROILER  
HATCHERY SUPPLY  
OCTOBER 1968

November 15, 1968

Domestic placements of pullet chicks for broiler hatchery supply flocks by leading primary breeders totaled 2,955,000 during October, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 12 percent more than domestic placements of chicks in October 1967. Total placements (domestic plus exports) were reported at 3,414,000 compared with 3,090,000 a year earlier. Domestic placements of pullet chicks by leading primary breeders for January through October totaled 30,838,000 about the same as 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 <sup>1/</sup>  
(Reported by leading breeders)

Month	Total			Domestic			
	1966	1967	1968	1966	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967
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January	3,076	3,094	2,929	2,623	2,649	2,518	95
February	3,372	3,450	3,270	2,990	2,947	2,841	96
March	4,302	4,112	3,931	3,843	3,650	3,362	92
April	4,420	4,037	4,303	3,920	3,504	3,738	107
May	4,309	3,688	3,666	3,787	3,364	3,046	91
June	4,413	3,984	4,076	3,937	3,620	3,566	99
July	3,672	2,971	3,271	3,091	2,673	2,870	107
August	3,552	3,047	3,298	3,060	2,704	2,824	104
September	4,169	3,453	3,522	3,685	3,041	3,118	103
October	3,620	3,090	3,414	3,213	2,632	2,955	112
November	3,197	3,416		2,794	2,959		
December	3,114	3,085		2,769	2,749		
Annual Total	45,216	41,427		39,712	36,492		

<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.

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