

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down Fractionally

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 140 million eggs during the week ending February 15, 1992, down fractionally from the the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 114 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 15, 1992. Placements were 3 percent above placements for the comparable week in 1991. Cumulative placements from November 3, 1991, through February 15, 1992, were 1.67 billion, 4 percent above the 1.60 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15
	Thousands					
AL	24,239	24,116	*24,145	24,151	23,529	23,459
AR	26,448	26,758	26,960	27,089	26,508	26,805
DE	4,119	4,082	4,046	4,072	*3,738	4,241
FL	3,108	3,140	3,182	3,184	3,293	3,245
GA	21,823	21,913	*21,912	21,918	*22,089	21,815
MD	9,151	9,014	8,879	8,451	8,141	8,928
MS	10,690	10,761	10,911	10,890	10,841	10,112
NC	14,452	14,080	13,654	13,657	12,929	13,946
PA	3,372	3,358	3,006	2,902	3,029	3,166
SC	2,352	2,355	2,356	2,352	2,315	2,303
TX	9,766	9,801	9,586	9,836	*9,403	9,399
VA	4,978	5,007	4,972	4,992	*4,953	5,001
CA TN & WV	6,907	7,724	6,725	8,007	7,733	7,483
1992 Total	141,405	142,109	*140,334	141,501	*138,501	139,903
1991 Total	134,405	134,266	136,065	138,039	139,681	140,258
% Of Prev Yr	105	106	103	103	99	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15
	Thousands					
AL	18,305	18,236	18,355	18,152	18,156	18,007
AR	20,779	20,216	20,411	19,140	*20,267	20,439
DE	5,091	5,202	5,071	5,061	*4,187	4,993
FL	2,565	2,322	2,442	2,378	2,542	2,841
GA	17,361	17,668	17,668	17,832	*17,855	17,631
MD	5,551	5,886	5,930	5,563	*6,377	5,657
MS	9,530	9,743	9,762	9,759	9,638	9,695
NC	11,375	11,132	11,227	11,458	11,145	10,819
PA	2,298	2,306	2,268	2,585	2,513	3,246
SC	2,146	2,157	2,126	2,153	2,120	2,104
TX	7,446	7,359	7,278	7,263	*7,245	7,052
VA	4,923	5,036	4,936	4,937	*4,898	4,705
CA TN & WV	7,496	7,887	7,083	6,905	*7,464	6,605
1992 Total	114,866	115,150	114,557	113,186	*114,407	113,794
1991 Total	109,051	109,980	108,595	107,006	107,871	110,269
% Of Prev Yr	105	105	105	106	106	103

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