

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 170 million eggs during the week ending December 21, 1996. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 136 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 21, 1996. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through December 21, 1996, were 6.75 billion, 1 percent above the 6.71 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21
	1,000					
AL	25,025	24,913	25,534	25,246	25,200	25,306
AR	29,162	29,438	28,821	28,976	29,226	29,458
DE	*4,091	4,563	*4,097	*4,048	*4,302	4,457
FL	2,815	2,579	2,885	2,932	2,816	2,840
GA	29,415	29,294	29,735	29,112	*29,213	29,393
MD	8,379	8,571	8,655	8,469	*8,433	8,680
MS	16,637	15,555	*17,119	16,927	17,056	16,869
NC	15,614	16,708	*16,808	16,721	16,759	16,893
PA	3,632	3,653	3,546	3,498	*3,678	3,648
SC	4,406	4,408	4,322	4,293	*4,293	4,404
TX	11,988	12,168	12,232	12,051	*12,129	12,226
VA	6,580	6,608	6,546	6,546	6,546	6,499
CA, TN, & WV	9,197	9,731	9,993	9,478	9,607	9,521
1996 Total	*166,941	168,199	*170,293	*168,297	*169,258	170,194
1995 Total	166,879	169,350	170,026	165,174	167,236	166,622
% of Prev Yr	100	99	100	102	101	102

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21
	1,000					
AL	15,266	16,652	17,545	18,322	18,765	18,138
AR	20,094	20,455	23,121	23,170	22,858	23,191
DE	*4,744	3,822	*5,799	*5,598	*5,040	4,931
FL	2,386	2,275	2,488	2,613	2,319	2,564
GA	20,948	22,460	23,324	*23,997	*23,523	24,131
MD	*5,527	6,886	*5,607	*5,080	*6,141	6,041
MS	12,218	13,090	14,232	14,487	13,143	13,922
NC	12,568	13,279	13,715	12,785	13,025	13,088
PA	2,374	2,673	2,554	2,415	*2,633	2,540
SC	3,665	3,218	3,427	3,479	*3,781	3,968
TX	7,261	8,261	8,784	8,897	8,864	8,945
VA	4,724	4,392	4,927	5,153	5,158	5,129
CA, TN, & WV	8,784	9,348	9,218	8,603	*9,194	9,464
1996 Total	*120,559	126,811	*134,741	*134,599	*134,444	136,052
1995 Total	121,352	125,831	135,394	134,085	135,231	134,283
% of Prev Yr	99	101	100	100	99	101

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