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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 170 million eggs during the week ending December 14, 1996. This was up 1 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 14, 1996. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through December 14, 1996, were 6.61 billion, 1 percent above the 6.57 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 14
	1,000					
AL	*24,478	*25,025	*24,913	*25,534	*25,246	25,200
AR	28,312	29,162	29,438	28,821	28,976	29,226
DE	4,355	4,170	4,563	4,278	3,728	4,582
FL	2,809	2,815	2,579	2,885	2,932	2,816
GA	28,536	29,415	*29,294	29,735	*29,112	29,269
MD	8,747	8,379	8,571	8,655	*8,469	8,439
MS	16,221	16,637	*15,555	16,835	*16,927	17,056
NC	16,928	15,614	16,708	16,796	16,721	16,759
PA	3,642	3,632	3,663	3,546	*3,498	3,607
SC	4,280	4,406	4,408	4,322	4,293	4,292
TX	12,079	11,988	12,168	12,232	12,051	12,164
VA	6,603	6,580	6,608	6,546	6,546	6,546
CA, TN, & WV	9,600	9,197	*9,731	*9,993	*9,478	9,607
1996 Total	*166,590	*167,020	*168,199	*170,178	*167,977	169,563
1995 Total	166,859	166,879	169,350	170,026	165,174	167,236
% of Prev Yr	100	100	99	100	102	101

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 14
	1,000					
AL	*17,032	*15,266	*16,652	*17,545	*18,322	18,765
AR	20,969	20,094	20,455	23,121	23,170	22,858
DE	4,670	4,712	3,822	5,627	*5,455	5,042
FL	2,422	2,386	2,275	2,488	2,613	2,319
GA	21,027	20,948	22,460	23,324	*24,004	23,516
MD	4,745	5,570	6,886	5,718	*5,312	5,780
MS	13,971	12,218	13,090	14,232	14,487	13,143
NC	12,519	12,568	13,279	13,715	12,785	13,025
PA	2,207	2,374	2,673	2,554	*2,415	2,610
SC	3,376	3,665	3,218	3,427	3,479	3,790
TX	7,702	7,261	8,261	8,784	8,897	8,864
VA	4,704	4,724	4,392	4,927	5,153	5,158
CA, TN, & WV	9,085	8,784	9,348	9,218	*8,603	9,197
1996 Total	*124,429	*120,570	*126,811	*134,680	*134,695	134,067
1995 Total	122,764	121,352	125,831	135,394	134,085	135,231
% of Prev Yr	101	99	101	99	100	99

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 167 million eggs during the week ending December 7, 1996. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 7, 1996. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through December 7, 1996, were 6.47 billion, 1 percent above the 6.44 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7
	1,000					
AL	22,620	23,617	*24,471	24,359	24,979	24,794
AR	26,920	28,312	29,162	29,438	28,821	28,976
DE	4,462	4,355	4,170	4,563	4,278	3,728
FL	2,606	2,809	2,815	2,579	2,885	2,932

GA	:	27,289	28,536	*29,415	29,678	*29,735	29,163
MD	:	8,314	8,747	8,379	8,571	8,655	8,563
MS	:	14,971	16,221	16,637	14,984	16,835	16,862
NC	:	16,780	16,928	15,614	16,708	16,796	16,721
PA	:	3,495	3,642	3,632	3,663	3,546	3,494
SC	:	4,244	4,280	4,406	4,408	4,322	4,293
TX	:	11,323	12,079	*11,988	12,168	*12,232	12,051
VA	:	5,561	6,603	6,580	6,608	6,546	6,546
CA, TN, & WV	:	*10,100	*9,600	*9,197	*9,732	*9,994	9,308

1996 Total	:	*158,685	*165,729	*166,466	*167,459	*169,624	167,431

1995 Total	:	156,840	166,859	166,879	169,350	170,026	165,174

% of Prev Yr	:	101	99	100	99	100	101

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	:	Week Ending					
		Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7
	:	1,000					
AL	:	15,414	16,592	14,852	16,206	17,101	17,890
AR	:	21,641	20,969	20,094	20,455	23,121	23,170
DE	:	4,483	4,670	4,712	3,822	5,627	5,262
FL	:	2,578	2,422	2,386	2,275	2,488	2,613
GA	:	22,948	21,027	*20,948	22,460	*23,324	23,996
MD	:	5,569	4,745	5,570	6,886	*5,718	5,636
MS	:	13,170	13,971	12,218	13,090	14,232	14,487
NC	:	12,609	12,519	12,568	13,279	13,715	12,785
PA	:	2,425	2,207	2,374	2,673	2,554	2,495
SC	:	3,520	3,376	3,665	3,218	3,427	3,479
TX	:	*8,363	*7,702	*7,261	8,261	*8,784	8,897
VA	:	5,002	4,704	4,724	4,392	4,927	5,153
CA, TN, & WV	:	*7,711	9,085	8,784	*9,348	*9,218	8,596

1996 Total	:	*125,433	*123,989	*120,156	*126,365	*134,236	134,459

1995 Total	:	127,500	122,764	121,352	125,831	135,394	134,085

% of Prev Yr	:	98	101	99	100	99	100

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 169 million eggs during the week ending November 30, 1996. This was down slightly from the eggs set 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 30, 1996. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through November 30, 1996, were 6.34 billion, 1 percent above the 6.30 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30
	1,000					
AL	20,935	22,620	23,617	23,785	*24,359	24,979
AR	26,126	26,920	28,312	29,162	29,438	28,821
DE	4,047	4,462	4,355	4,170	4,563	4,278
FL	2,689	2,606	2,809	2,815	2,579	2,885
GA	25,918	27,289	*28,536	29,310	*29,678	29,673
MD	8,085	8,314	8,747	8,379	*8,571	8,655
MS	13,724	14,971	16,221	16,637	14,984	16,835
NC	16,092	16,780	*16,928	15,614	16,708	16,796
PA	3,249	3,495	3,642	3,632	*3,663	3,546
SC	4,071	4,244	4,280	4,406	4,408	4,322
TX	10,181	11,323	*12,079	11,414	*12,168	12,060
VA	6,085	5,561	6,603	6,580	6,608	6,546
CA, TN, & WV	9,303	10,077	9,589	9,161	9,733	9,999
1996 Total	150,505	158,662	*165,718	165,065	*167,460	169,395
1995 Total	152,265	156,840	166,859	166,879	169,350	170,026
% of Prev Yr	99	101	99	99	99	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30
	1,000					
AL	17,052	15,414	16,592	14,852	*16,206	17,101
AR	22,350	21,641	20,969	20,094	20,455	23,121
DE	4,835	4,483	4,670	4,712	*3,822	5,627
FL	2,676	2,578	2,422	2,386	2,275	2,488
GA	22,676	22,948	*21,027	20,965	*22,460	23,380
MD	5,550	5,569	4,745	5,570	*6,886	5,717
MS	13,498	13,170	13,971	12,218	13,090	14,232
NC	13,001	12,609	12,519	12,568	13,279	13,715
PA	2,516	2,425	2,207	2,374	*2,673	2,554
SC	4,027	3,520	3,376	3,665	3,218	3,427
TX	8,491	8,367	7,706	7,265	8,261	8,783
VA	5,351	5,002	4,704	4,724	4,392	4,927
CA, TN, & WV	8,051	7,723	9,085	8,784	9,329	9,210
1996 Total	130,074	125,449	*123,993	120,177	*126,346	134,282
1995 Total	131,585	127,500	122,764	121,352	125,831	135,394
% of Prev Yr	99	98	101	99	100	99

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Down 1 Percent

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Broiler Chicks Placed Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 126 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 23, 1996. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through November 23, 1996, were 6.21 billion, 1 percent above the 6.17 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 19	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23
	1,000					
AL	23,847	20,935	22,620	23,617	*23,785	24,337
AR	27,038	26,126	26,920	28,312	29,162	29,438
DE	3,797	4,047	4,462	4,355	4,170	4,563
FL	2,696	2,689	2,606	2,809	2,815	2,579
GA	25,702	25,918	*27,289	28,474	*29,310	29,598
MD	7,301	8,085	8,314	8,747	8,379	8,419
MS	15,801	13,724	14,971	16,221	16,637	14,984
NC	15,398	16,092	16,780	16,914	15,614	16,708
PA	3,212	3,249	*3,495	*3,642	*3,632	3,642
SC	4,032	4,071	4,244	4,280	*4,406	4,408
TX	10,692	10,181	*11,323	11,510	*11,414	12,117
VA	5,960	6,085	5,561	6,603	6,580	6,608
CA, TN, & WV	9,479	9,303	10,077	9,589	*9,161	9,733
1996 Total	154,955	150,505	*158,662	*165,073	*165,065	167,134
1995 Total	153,734	152,265	156,840	166,859	166,879	169,350
% of Prev Yr	101	99	101	99	99	99

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 19	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23
	1,000					
AL	17,214	17,052	15,414	16,592	*14,852	16,207
AR	21,300	22,350	21,641	20,969	20,094	20,455
DE	4,868	4,835	4,483	4,670	4,712	4,087
FL	2,462	2,676	2,578	2,422	2,386	2,275
GA	21,338	22,676	22,948	21,029	*20,965	22,441
MD	5,698	5,550	5,569	4,745	5,570	6,615
MS	13,293	13,498	13,170	13,971	12,218	13,090
NC	12,557	13,001	12,609	12,519	12,568	13,279
PA	2,489	2,516	*2,425	*2,207	*2,374	2,561
SC	3,169	4,027	3,520	3,376	*3,665	3,218
TX	7,882	8,491	8,367	7,706	*7,265	8,261
VA	5,195	5,351	5,002	4,704	4,724	4,392
CA, TN, & WV	8,368	8,051	7,723	9,085	8,784	9,329
1996 Total	125,833	130,074	*125,449	*123,995	*120,177	126,210
1995 Total	131,202	131,585	127,500	122,764	121,352	125,831
% of Prev Yr	96	99	98	101	99	100

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 164 million eggs during the week ending November 16, 1996. This was down 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 120 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 16, 1996. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through November 16, 1996, were 6.08 billion, 1 percent above the 6.04 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

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	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16
	1,000					
AL	21,612	23,847	*20,935	22,620	23,617	23,811
AR	27,381	27,038	26,126	26,920	28,312	29,162

DE	:	4,202	3,797	4,047	4,462	4,355	4,170
FL	:	2,630	2,696	2,689	2,606	2,809	2,815
GA	:	28,102	25,702	*25,918	27,486	*28,474	28,380
MD	:	7,839	7,301	8,085	8,314	*8,747	8,379
MS	:	16,002	15,801	13,724	14,971	16,221	16,637
NC	:	15,394	15,398	16,092	16,780	16,914	15,614
PA	:	3,225	3,212	3,249	3,349	3,387	3,374
SC	:	4,176	4,032	4,071	4,244	4,280	4,410
TX	:	11,458	10,692	*10,181	11,111	11,510	11,428
VA	:	6,121	5,960	6,085	5,561	6,603	6,580
CA, TN, & WV	:	8,076	9,479	9,303	10,077	9,589	9,141

1996 Total	:	156,218	154,955	*150,505	158,501	*164,818	163,901

1995 Total	:	158,849	153,734	152,265	156,840	166,859	166,879

% of Prev Yr	:	98	101	99	101	99	98

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	:	Week Ending					
		Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16
	:	1,000					
	:						
AL	:	16,857	17,214	17,052	15,414	16,592	14,843
AR	:	21,600	21,300	22,350	21,641	20,969	20,094
DE	:	4,769	4,868	4,835	4,483	*4,670	4,712
FL	:	2,524	2,462	2,676	2,578	2,422	2,386
GA	:	21,472	21,338	22,676	22,948	*21,029	20,752
MD	:	5,347	5,698	5,550	5,569	*4,745	5,570
MS	:	13,363	13,293	13,498	13,170	13,971	12,218
NC	:	12,109	12,557	13,001	12,609	12,519	12,568
PA	:	2,291	2,489	2,516	2,397	2,224	2,346
SC	:	3,176	3,169	4,027	3,520	3,376	3,595
TX	:	7,781	7,882	8,491	8,367	7,706	7,266
VA	:	4,172	5,195	5,351	5,002	4,704	4,724
CA, TN, & WV	:	8,155	8,368	8,051	7,723	9,085	8,784

1996 Total	:	123,616	125,833	130,074	125,421	*124,012	119,858

1995 Total	:	123,475	131,202	131,585	127,500	122,764	121,352

% of Prev Yr	:	100	96	99	98	101	99

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 165 million eggs during the week ending November 9, 1996. This was down 1 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 124 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 9, 1996. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through November 2, 1996, were 5.96 billion, 1 percent above the 5.92 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

: Week Ending

State	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9
	1,000					
AL	23,639	21,612	*23,847	21,490	22,620	23,617
AR	28,498	27,381	27,038	26,126	26,920	28,312
DE	4,329	4,202	3,797	4,047	4,462	4,355
FL	2,655	2,630	*2,696	2,689	2,606	2,809
GA	28,645	28,102	*25,702	25,387	*27,486	28,319
MD	7,916	*7,839	7,301	8,085	8,314	8,718
MS	16,474	16,002	15,801	13,724	14,971	16,221
NC	16,632	15,394	15,398	16,092	16,780	16,914
PA	3,310	3,225	3,212	*3,249	3,349	3,387
SC	4,410	4,176	4,032	4,071	4,244	4,280
TX	11,439	11,458	*10,692	10,544	*11,111	11,510
VA	6,509	6,121	5,960	6,085	*5,561	6,603
CA, TN, & WV	8,617	8,076	9,479	9,303	10,077	9,589
1996 Total	163,073	*156,218	*154,955	*150,892	*158,501	164,634
1995 Total	162,799	158,849	153,734	152,265	156,840	166,859
% of Prev Yr	100	98	101	99	101	99

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9
	1,000					
AL	16,970	16,857	17,214	17,052	15,414	16,592
AR	22,505	21,600	21,300	22,350	21,641	20,969
DE	4,591	4,769	4,868	4,835	4,483	4,866
FL	2,529	2,524	2,462	2,676	2,578	2,422
GA	21,258	21,472	21,338	22,676	*22,948	21,031
MD	*5,892	*5,347	*5,698	5,550	*5,569	4,511
MS	13,858	13,363	13,293	13,498	13,170	13,971
NC	11,902	12,109	12,557	13,001	12,609	12,519
PA	2,383	2,291	2,489	*2,516	2,397	2,224
SC	3,782	3,176	3,169	4,027	3,520	3,376
TX	8,587	7,781	7,882	8,491	8,367	7,706
VA	4,573	4,172	5,195	5,351	*5,002	4,704
CA, TN, & WV	7,826	8,155	8,368	8,051	7,723	9,085
1996 Total	*126,656	*123,616	*125,833	*130,074	*125,421	123,976
1995 Total	124,964	123,475	131,202	131,585	127,500	122,764
% of Prev Yr	101	100	96	99	98	101

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 159 million eggs during the week ending November 2, 1996. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set 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 Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 125 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 2, 1996. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through November 2, 1996, were 5.84 billion, 1 percent above the 5.80 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 28	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26	Nov 2
	1,000					
AL	23,036	23,639	21,612	23,993	21,490	22,620
AR	26,785	28,498	27,381	27,038	26,126	26,920
DE	4,250	4,329	4,202	3,797	*4,047	4,462
FL	2,698	2,655	2,630	2,456	2,689	2,606
GA	26,762	*28,645	28,102	*25,069	*25,387	27,467
MD	8,279	7,916	7,834	7,301	8,085	8,314

MS	:	15,216	16,474	16,002	15,801	13,724	14,971
NC	:	15,968	16,632	*15,394	15,398	16,092	16,780
PA	:	3,419	3,310	3,225	3,212	3,337	3,349
SC	:	4,081	4,410	4,176	4,032	4,071	4,244
TX	:	10,823	*11,439	*11,458	11,050	*10,544	11,141
VA	:	6,311	6,509	6,121	5,960	6,085	5,747
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,044	8,617	8,076	9,479	9,303	10,077

 1996 Total : 156,672 *163,073 *156,213 *154,586 *150,980 158,698

1995 Total : 165,103 162,799 158,849 153,734 152,265 156,840

% of Prev Yr : 95 100 98 101 99 101

 Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State : Week Ending
 :
 : Sep 28 : Oct 5 : Oct 12 : Oct 19 : Oct 26 : Nov 2

: 1,000
 :

AL	:	16,983	16,970	16,857	17,214	17,052	15,414
AR	:	23,214	22,505	21,600	21,300	22,350	21,641
DE	:	5,167	4,591	4,769	4,868	*4,835	4,483
FL	:	2,407	2,529	2,524	2,462	2,676	2,578
GA	:	23,090	21,258	21,472	*21,338	*22,676	22,944
MD	:	5,632	5,884	5,350	5,380	*5,550	5,572
MS	:	13,989	13,858	13,363	13,293	13,498	13,170
NC	:	12,973	11,902	*12,109	12,557	13,001	12,609
PA	:	2,591	2,383	2,291	2,489	2,514	2,397
SC	:	3,420	3,782	3,176	3,169	4,027	3,520
TX	:	8,748	8,587	*7,781	*7,882	*8,491	8,367
VA	:	5,106	4,573	4,172	5,195	5,351	4,983
CA, TN, & WV	:	8,081	7,826	*8,155	8,368	*8,051	7,723

 1996 Total : 131,401 126,648 *123,619 *125,515 *130,072 125,401

1995 Total : 124,862 124,964 123,475 131,202 131,585 127,500

% of Prev Yr : 105 101 100 96 99 98

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 151 million eggs during the week ending October 26, 1996. This was down 1 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 130 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 26, 1996. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through October 26, 1996, were 5.71 billion, 1 percent above the 5.67 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26
	1,000					

AL	:	23,282	23,036	23,639	21,612	23,993	21,490
AR	:	*27,745	*26,785	*28,498	*27,381	*27,038	26,126
DE	:	4,160	4,250	4,329	4,202	3,797	4,077
FL	:	2,837	2,698	*2,655	2,630	2,456	2,689
GA	:	26,518	26,762	28,704	28,102	*25,190	25,466
MD	:	7,734	8,279	7,916	7,834	7,301	8,085
MS	:	15,453	15,216	16,474	16,002	15,801	13,724
NC	:	15,272	15,968	*16,632	15,423	15,398	16,092
PA	:	3,148	3,419	3,310	3,225	*3,212	3,337
SC	:	4,319	4,081	4,410	4,176	4,032	4,071
TX	:	*10,476	*10,823	*11,489	*11,454	11,050	10,583
VA	:	5,497	6,311	6,509	6,121	5,960	6,085
CA, TN, & WV	:	*8,543	*9,044	8,617	8,076	9,479	9,303

1996 Total	:	*154,984	*156,672	*163,182	*156,238	*154,707	151,128

1995 Total	:	155,566	165,103	162,799	158,849	153,734	152,265

% of Prev Yr	:	100	95	100	98	101	99

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	:	Week Ending					
		Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26
	:	1,000					
	:						
AL	:	17,134	16,983	16,970	16,857	17,214	17,052
AR	:	*23,627	*23,214	*22,505	*21,600	*21,300	22,350
DE	:	5,861	5,167	4,591	4,769	*4,868	4,815
FL	:	2,538	2,407	2,529	2,524	2,462	2,676
GA	:	22,951	23,090	21,258	21,472	*21,324	22,656
MD	:	5,072	5,632	5,884	5,350	*5,380	5,567
MS	:	14,008	13,989	13,858	13,363	13,293	13,498
NC	:	13,642	12,973	11,902	12,137	12,557	13,001
PA	:	2,709	2,591	2,383	2,291	*2,489	2,514
SC	:	3,509	3,420	3,782	3,176	3,169	4,027
TX	:	8,734	8,748	8,587	7,780	7,881	8,490
VA	:	4,599	5,106	4,573	4,172	5,195	5,351
CA, TN, & WV	:	8,840	*8,081	7,826	8,220	8,368	7,779

1996 Total	:	*133,224	*131,401	*126,648	*123,711	*125,500	129,776

1995 Total	:	129,432	124,862	124,964	123,475	131,202	131,585

% of Prev Yr	:	103	105	101	100	96	99

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 155 million eggs during the week ending October 19, 1996. This was up 1 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 Down 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 126 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 19, 1996. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through October 19, 1996, were 5.58 billion, 1 percent above the 5.54 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

: Week Ending

State	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19
	1,000					
AL	23,505	23,282	23,036	23,639	21,612	23,993
AR	28,688	27,671	26,774	28,535	27,454	26,903
DE	4,348	4,160	4,250	4,329	4,202	3,797
FL	2,846	2,837	2,698	2,635	2,630	2,456
GA	26,570	26,518	*26,762	28,704	*28,102	25,832
MD	7,793	7,734	8,279	7,916	*7,834	7,301
MS	16,178	15,453	15,216	16,474	16,002	15,801
NC	15,535	15,272	*15,968	*16,375	*15,423	15,398
PA	3,204	3,148	3,419	3,310	*3,225	3,204
SC	4,317	4,319	4,081	4,410	4,176	4,032
TX	11,562	10,809	10,826	11,438	*11,125	11,050
VA	5,958	5,497	6,311	6,509	*6,121	5,960
CA, TN, & WV	8,165	8,539	9,033	8,617	8,076	9,479
1996 Total	158,669	155,239	*156,653	*162,891	*155,982	155,206
1995 Total	156,572	155,566	165,103	162,799	158,849	153,734
% of Prev Yr	101	100	95	100	98	101

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19
	1,000					
AL	17,485	17,134	16,983	16,970	16,857	17,214
AR	22,087	23,487	23,116	22,433	21,883	21,272
DE	5,704	5,861	5,167	4,591	*4,769	4,885
FL	2,447	2,538	2,407	2,529	2,524	2,462
GA	23,756	22,951	23,090	21,258	*21,472	21,635
MD	5,417	5,072	5,632	5,884	*5,350	5,374
MS	13,900	14,008	13,989	13,858	13,363	13,293
NC	13,634	13,642	12,973	*11,902	*12,137	12,557
PA	2,597	2,709	2,591	2,383	*2,291	2,526
SC	3,286	3,509	3,420	3,782	3,176	3,169
TX	8,775	8,734	8,748	8,587	*7,780	7,881
VA	5,326	4,599	5,106	4,573	*4,172	5,195
CA, TN, & WV	9,232	8,840	8,082	7,826	*8,220	8,368
1996 Total	133,646	133,084	131,304	*126,576	*123,994	125,831
1995 Total	129,040	129,432	124,862	124,964	123,475	131,202
% of Prev Yr	104	103	105	101	100	96

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 157 million eggs during the week ending October 12, 1996. This was down 1 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 124 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 12, 1996. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through October 12, 1996, were 5.45 billion, 1 percent above the 5.41 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 5	Oct 12
	1,000					
AL	23,911	23,505	23,282	23,036	23,639	21,612
AR	29,219	28,688	27,671	26,774	28,535	27,454
DE	4,364	4,348	4,160	4,250	4,329	4,202
FL	2,468	2,846	*2,837	2,698	2,635	2,630
GA	28,329	26,570	*26,518	*27,141	*28,704	28,256

MD	:	8,114	7,793	7,734	8,279	7,916	7,790
MS	:	16,156	16,178	15,453	15,216	16,474	16,002
NC	:	16,692	15,535	15,272	16,265	16,344	15,554
PA	:	3,310	3,204	3,148	3,419	*3,310	3,310
SC	:	4,381	4,317	4,319	4,081	4,410	4,176
TX	:	11,963	11,562	10,809	10,826	*11,438	11,445
VA	:	6,289	5,958	5,497	6,311	6,509	6,281
CA, TN, & WV	:	8,362	8,165	*8,539	9,033	8,617	8,076

 1996 Total : 163,558 158,669 *155,239 *157,329 *162,860 156,788

1995 Total : 157,422 156,572 155,566 165,103 162,799 158,849

% of Prev Yr : 104 101 100 95 100 99

 Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State : Week Ending

 : Sep 7 : Sep 14 : Sep 21 : Sep 28 : Oct 5 : Oct 12

1,000

AL	:	16,939	17,485	17,134	16,983	16,970	16,857
AR	:	23,080	22,087	23,487	23,116	22,433	21,883
DE	:	5,109	5,704	5,861	5,167	4,591	4,780
FL	:	2,508	2,447	2,538	2,407	2,529	2,524
GA	:	22,852	23,756	22,951	23,090	*21,258	21,470
MD	:	6,326	5,417	5,072	5,632	5,884	5,324
MS	:	13,112	13,900	14,008	13,989	13,858	13,363
NC	:	14,064	13,634	13,642	12,973	11,914	12,164
PA	:	2,606	2,597	2,709	2,591	*2,383	2,310
SC	:	3,561	3,286	3,509	3,420	3,782	3,176
TX	:	8,360	8,775	8,734	8,748	8,587	8,083
VA	:	4,964	5,326	4,599	5,106	4,573	4,178
CA, TN, & WV	:	8,678	9,232	8,840	8,082	7,826	8,171

 1996 Total : 132,159 133,646 133,084 131,304 *126,588 124,283

1995 Total : 130,447 129,040 129,432 124,862 124,964 123,475

% of Prev Yr : 101 104 103 105 101 101

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 163 million eggs during the week ending October 5, 1996. This was down slightly 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 127 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 5, 1996. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through October 5, 1996, were 5.33 billion, 1 percent above the 5.29 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 5
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		1,000					
AL	:	24,312	23,911	23,505	23,282	23,036	23,639
AR	:	29,227	29,219	28,688	27,671	26,774	28,535
DE	:	4,288	4,364	4,348	4,160	4,250	4,329
FL	:	2,826	2,468	2,846	2,807	2,698	2,635
GA	:	27,799	28,329	*26,570	26,774	*27,152	28,369
MD	:	8,242	8,114	7,793	7,734	8,279	7,916
MS	:	16,185	16,156	16,178	15,453	15,216	16,474
NC	:	17,199	16,692	*15,535	15,272	16,265	16,344
PA	:	3,699	3,310	3,204	3,148	3,419	3,372
SC	:	4,303	4,381	4,317	4,319	4,081	4,410
TX	:	11,935	11,963	11,562	10,809	10,826	11,578
VA	:	6,403	6,289	5,958	5,497	*6,311	6,509
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,208	8,362	8,165	9,038	9,033	8,617
1996 Total	:	165,626	163,558	*158,669	155,964	*157,340	162,727
1995 Total	:	161,881	157,422	156,572	155,566	165,103	162,799
% of Prev Yr	:	102	104	101	100	95	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending						
	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 5	
		1,000					
AL	:	17,247	16,939	17,485	17,134	16,983	16,970
AR	:	23,768	23,080	22,087	23,487	23,116	22,433
DE	:	4,888	5,109	5,704	5,861	5,167	4,591
FL	:	2,567	2,508	2,447	2,538	2,407	2,529
GA	:	22,961	22,852	23,756	22,951	*23,090	21,264
MD	:	5,956	6,326	5,417	5,072	5,632	5,884
MS	:	13,265	13,112	13,900	14,008	13,989	13,858
NC	:	13,791	14,064	13,634	13,642	12,973	11,914
PA	:	2,632	2,606	2,597	2,709	2,591	2,462
SC	:	4,088	3,561	3,286	3,509	3,420	3,782
TX	:	8,268	*8,360	*8,775	*8,734	*8,748	8,587
VA	:	5,664	4,964	5,326	4,599	*5,106	4,573
CA, TN, & WV	:	8,667	*8,678	*9,232	*8,840	*8,082	7,826
1996 Total	:	133,762	*132,159	*133,646	*133,084	*131,304	126,673
1995 Total	:	129,677	130,447	129,040	129,432	124,862	124,964
% of Prev Yr	:	103	101	104	103	105	101

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Down 5 percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 157 million eggs during the week ending September 28, 1996. This was down 5 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 131 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 28, 1996. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through September 28, 1996, were 5.20 billion, 1 percent above the 5.16 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28
	1,000					
AL	24,225	24,312	23,911	23,505	23,282	23,036
AR	27,903	29,227	29,219	28,688	27,671	26,774
DE	4,413	4,288	4,364	4,348	4,160	4,250
FL	2,838	2,826	2,468	2,846	2,807	2,698
GA	28,936	27,799	*28,329	26,745	*26,774	27,022
MD	8,617	8,242	8,114	7,793	7,734	8,279

MS	:	16,175	16,185	16,156	16,178	15,453	15,216
NC	:	17,465	17,199	16,692	15,567	15,272	16,265
PA	:	3,593	3,699	3,310	3,204	*3,148	3,419
SC	:	4,278	4,303	4,381	4,317	4,319	4,081
TX	:	11,921	11,935	*11,963	11,562	10,809	10,826
VA	:	6,498	6,403	6,289	5,958	5,497	6,282
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,693	*9,208	8,362	*8,165	*9,038	9,033

1996 Total	:	166,555	*165,626	*163,558	*158,876	*155,964	157,181

1995 Total	:	163,456	161,881	157,422	156,572	155,566	165,103

% of Prev Yr	:	102	102	104	101	100	95

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	:	Week Ending					
	:	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28

:	:	1,000					
:	:						
AL	:	*17,282	*17,247	*16,939	*17,485	*17,134	16,983
AR	:	22,731	23,768	23,080	22,087	23,487	23,116
DE	:	5,365	4,888	5,109	5,704	5,861	5,167
FL	:	2,648	2,567	2,508	2,447	2,538	2,407
GA	:	22,586	22,961	22,852	23,756	*22,951	23,108
MD	:	5,690	5,956	6,326	5,417	5,072	5,632
MS	:	14,043	13,265	13,112	13,900	14,008	13,989
NC	:	14,154	13,791	14,064	13,634	13,642	12,973
PA	:	2,601	2,632	2,606	2,597	*2,709	2,591
SC	:	3,880	4,088	3,561	3,286	3,509	3,420
TX	:	8,391	8,268	8,353	*8,768	8,727	8,745
VA	:	5,345	5,664	4,964	5,326	4,599	5,083
CA, TN, & WV	:	8,887	*8,667	8,660	*9,219	*8,822	8,155

1996 Total	:	*133,603	*133,762	*132,134	*133,626	*133,059	131,369

1995 Total	:	130,139	129,677	130,447	129,040	129,432	124,862

% of Prev Yr	:	103	103	101	104	103	105

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 156 million eggs during the week ending September 21, 1996. This was up slightly 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 132 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 21, 1996. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through September 21, 1996, were 5.07 billion, 1 percent above the 5.04 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21
	1,000					
AL	23,956	24,225	*24,312	23,911	*23,505	23,282
AR	29,152	27,903	29,227	29,219	28,688	27,671
DE	4,479	4,413	4,288	4,364	4,348	4,160
FL	2,860	2,838	2,826	2,468	2,846	2,807
GA	27,907	*28,936	*27,799	*28,288	*26,745	26,810
MD	8,727	8,617	8,242	8,114	*7,793	7,734
MS	16,077	16,175	16,185	16,156	16,178	15,453
NC	17,469	17,465	17,199	16,692	15,567	15,272
PA	3,644	3,593	3,699	3,310	*3,204	3,230
SC	4,330	4,278	4,303	4,381	4,317	4,319
TX	11,320	11,921	*11,935	*11,781	*11,562	10,809
VA	6,485	6,498	6,403	6,289	5,958	5,497
CA, TN, & WV	9,349	9,693	9,206	8,362	7,811	8,730
1996 Total	165,755	*166,555	*165,624	*163,335	*158,522	155,774
1995 Total	164,564	163,456	161,881	157,422	156,572	155,566
% of Prev Yr	101	102	102	104	101	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21
	1,000					
AL	16,694	17,360	17,325	17,017	*17,562	16,069
AR	22,807	22,731	23,768	23,080	22,087	23,487
DE	5,313	5,365	4,888	5,109	*5,704	5,861
FL	2,571	2,648	2,567	2,508	2,447	2,538
GA	*22,871	22,586	22,961	*22,852	*23,756	22,950
MD	5,978	5,690	5,956	6,326	*5,417	5,072
MS	13,521	14,043	13,265	13,112	13,900	14,008
NC	13,625	14,154	13,791	14,064	13,634	13,642
PA	2,702	2,601	2,632	2,606	*2,597	2,685
SC	4,034	3,880	4,088	*3,561	*3,286	3,509
TX	8,299	8,391	8,268	8,353	8,772	8,727
VA	5,272	5,345	5,664	4,964	5,326	4,599
CA, TN, & WV	8,083	8,887	8,662	8,660	9,242	8,827
1996 Total	*131,770	133,681	133,835	*132,212	*133,730	131,974
1995 Total	131,899	130,139	129,677	130,447	129,040	129,432
% of Prev Yr	100	103	103	101	104	102

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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 159 million eggs during the week ending September 14, 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 14, 1996. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through September 14, 1996, were 4.94 billion, 1 percent above the 4.91 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14
	1,000					
AL	24,093	23,956	24,225	23,132	23,911	23,504
AR	28,881	29,152	27,903	29,227	29,219	28,688
DE	4,535	4,479	4,413	4,288	4,364	4,348
FL	2,860	2,860	2,838	2,826	2,468	2,846
GA	28,374	27,907	28,906	27,891	*28,698	27,109
MD	8,443	8,727	8,617	8,242	8,114	7,839
MS	15,981	16,077	16,175	16,185	*16,156	16,178
NC	17,699	17,469	17,465	17,199	16,692	15,567
PA	3,329	3,644	3,593	3,699	*3,310	3,198
SC	4,350	4,330	4,278	4,303	4,381	4,317
TX	11,393	11,320	11,921	11,923	11,769	11,619
VA	6,520	6,485	6,498	6,403	6,289	5,958
CA, TN, & WV	*9,329	*9,349	*9,693	*9,206	*8,362	7,811
1996 Total	*165,787	*165,755	*166,525	*164,524	*163,733	158,982
1995 Total	162,869	164,564	163,456	161,881	157,422	156,572
% of Prev Yr	102	101	102	102	104	102

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14
	1,000					
AL	17,297	16,694	17,360	17,325	*17,017	17,556
AR	22,448	22,807	22,731	23,768	23,080	22,087
DE	5,542	5,313	5,365	4,888	5,109	5,470
FL	2,644	2,571	2,648	2,567	2,508	2,447
GA	23,290	22,814	22,586	22,961	*22,847	23,383
MD	5,396	5,978	5,690	5,956	6,326	5,620
MS	14,075	13,521	14,043	13,265	13,112	13,900
NC	13,489	13,625	14,154	13,791	14,064	13,634
PA	2,674	2,702	2,601	2,632	*2,606	2,605
SC	3,434	4,034	3,880	4,088	3,498	3,636
TX	8,369	8,299	8,391	8,268	8,353	8,772
VA	5,400	5,272	5,345	5,664	4,964	5,326
CA, TN, & WV	*8,662	*8,083	*8,887	*8,662	*8,660	9,242
1996 Total	*132,720	*131,713	*133,681	*133,835	*132,144	133,678
1995 Total	133,019	131,899	130,139	129,677	130,447	129,040
% of Prev Yr	100	100	103	103	101	104

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 164 million eggs during the week ending September 7, 1996. This was up 4 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 133 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 7, 1996. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through September 7, 1996, were 4.81 billion, 1 percent above the 4.78 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sep 7
	1,000					
AL	23,972	24,093	*23,956	24,225	*23,132	23,911
AR	28,727	28,881	29,152	27,903	29,227	29,219
DE	4,559	4,535	4,479	4,413	4,288	4,364
FL	2,884	2,860	2,860	2,838	2,826	2,468
GA	28,637	28,374	27,907	28,906	*27,891	28,965
MD	8,462	8,443	8,727	8,617	8,242	8,114

MS	:	16,358	15,981	16,077	16,175	*16,185	16,121
NC	:	17,951	17,699	17,469	17,465	17,199	16,692
PA	:	3,293	3,329	3,644	3,593	*3,699	3,331
SC	:	4,356	4,350	4,330	4,278	*4,303	4,381
TX	:	11,210	11,393	11,320	11,921	11,923	11,769
VA	:	6,586	6,520	6,485	6,498	6,403	6,289
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,466	9,322	9,347	9,692	*9,231	8,386

1996 Total	:	166,461	165,780	*165,753	166,524	*164,549	164,010

1995 Total	:	163,591	162,869	164,564	163,456	161,881	157,422

% of Prev Yr	:	102	102	101	102	102	104

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	:	Week Ending					
	:	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sep 7
	:	1,000					
	:						
AL	:	16,758	17,297	16,694	17,360	*17,325	17,181
AR	:	22,490	22,448	22,807	22,731	23,768	23,080
DE	:	4,993	5,542	5,313	5,365	4,888	5,109
FL	:	2,703	2,644	2,571	2,648	2,567	2,508
GA	:	23,196	23,290	22,814	22,586	*22,961	22,629
MD	:	6,231	5,396	5,978	5,690	*5,956	6,326
MS	:	14,036	14,075	13,521	14,043	*13,265	13,112
NC	:	13,814	13,489	13,625	14,154	13,791	14,064
PA	:	2,672	2,674	2,702	2,601	*2,632	2,637
SC	:	3,654	3,434	*4,034	*3,880	*4,088	3,498
TX	:	8,595	8,369	8,299	8,391	8,268	8,353
VA	:	4,855	5,400	5,272	5,345	5,664	4,964
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,563	8,651	8,065	8,872	*8,649	9,154

1996 Total	:	133,560	132,709	*131,695	*133,666	*133,822	132,615

1995 Total	:	133,899	133,019	131,899	130,139	129,677	130,447

% of Prev Yr	:	100	100	100	103	103	102

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Broiler Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 132 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 31, 1996. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through August 31, 1996, were 4.67 billion, 1 percent above the 4.65 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 27	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31
	1,000					
AL	23,791	23,972	24,093	23,839	24,225	23,125
AR	29,061	28,727	28,881	29,152	27,903	29,227
DE	4,697	4,559	4,535	4,479	*4,413	4,288
FL	2,856	2,884	2,860	2,860	2,838	2,826
GA	28,674	28,637	*28,374	27,907	*28,906	27,943
MD	8,611	8,462	8,443	8,727	8,617	8,242
MS	15,614	16,358	15,981	16,077	16,175	16,176
NC	17,610	17,951	17,699	17,469	17,465	17,199
PA	3,654	3,293	3,329	3,644	*3,593	3,681
SC	4,337	4,356	4,350	4,330	4,278	4,304
TX	11,331	11,210	11,393	*11,320	*11,921	11,923
VA	6,535	6,586	6,520	6,485	6,498	6,403
CA, TN, & WV	9,297	9,466	9,322	9,347	9,692	9,339
1996 Total	166,068	166,461	*165,780	*165,636	*166,524	164,676
1995 Total	164,548	163,591	162,869	164,564	163,456	161,881
% of Prev Yr	101	102	102	101	102	102

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jul 27	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31
	1,000					
AL	16,070	16,758	17,297	*16,694	*17,360	16,893
AR	21,027	22,490	22,448	22,807	22,731	23,768
DE	5,633	4,993	5,542	5,313	*5,365	4,888
FL	2,424	2,703	2,644	2,571	2,648	2,567
GA	22,917	23,196	23,290	*22,814	*22,586	22,853
MD	5,400	6,231	5,396	5,978	*5,690	5,953
MS	13,867	14,036	14,075	13,521	14,043	11,935
NC	13,378	13,814	13,489	13,625	14,154	13,791
PA	2,645	2,672	2,674	*2,702	*2,601	2,641
SC	3,551	3,654	3,434	*3,925	3,816	4,102
TX	8,327	*8,595	*8,369	*8,299	*8,391	8,268
VA	4,866	4,855	5,400	5,272	5,345	5,664
CA, TN, & WV	8,599	9,563	8,651	8,065	8,872	8,633
1996 Total	128,704	*133,560	*132,709	*131,586	*133,602	131,956
1995 Total	130,442	133,899	133,019	131,899	130,139	129,677
% of Prev Yr	99	100	100	100	103	102

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up 2 Percent

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Broiler Chicks Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 24, 1996. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through August 24, 1996, were 4.54 billion, slightly above the 4.52 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending
	Jul 20 : Jul 27 : Aug 3 : Aug 10 : Aug 17 : Aug 24
	1,000

AL	:	23,940	23,791	23,972	24,093	23,839	24,225
AR	:	29,093	*29,061	*28,727	28,881	*29,152	27,903
DE	:	4,701	4,697	4,559	4,535	*4,479	4,432
FL	:	2,864	2,856	2,884	2,860	2,860	2,838
GA	:	28,900	28,674	*28,637	28,329	*27,907	28,841
MD	:	8,263	8,611	8,462	8,443	*8,727	8,617
MS	:	16,213	15,614	16,358	15,981	16,077	16,175
NC	:	17,633	17,610	17,951	17,699	17,469	17,465
PA	:	3,548	3,654	3,293	3,329	*3,644	3,606
SC	:	4,335	4,337	4,356	4,350	4,330	4,278
TX	:	11,470	11,331	11,210	11,393	11,128	11,767
VA	:	6,351	6,535	6,586	6,520	6,485	6,498
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,137	9,297	9,466	9,322	9,347	9,692

1996 Total	:	166,448	*166,068	*166,461	165,735	*165,444	166,337

1995 Total	:	165,750	164,548	163,591	162,869	164,564	163,456

% of Prev Yr	:	100	101	102	102	101	102

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

		Week Ending					
State	:	Jul 20	Jul 27	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24

		1,000					

AL	:	17,128	16,070	16,758	17,297	16,697	17,362
AR	:	21,536	*21,027	*22,490	*22,448	*22,807	22,731
DE	:	4,485	5,633	4,993	5,542	*5,313	5,333
FL	:	2,529	2,424	2,703	2,644	2,571	2,648
GA	:	23,458	22,917	23,196	23,290	*22,914	22,585
MD	:	5,818	5,400	6,231	5,396	*5,978	5,703
MS	:	13,292	13,867	14,036	14,075	13,521	14,043
NC	:	12,796	13,378	13,814	13,489	13,625	14,154
PA	:	2,538	2,645	2,672	2,674	*2,802	2,604
SC	:	3,422	3,551	3,654	3,434	*4,034	3,816
TX	:	7,513	8,327	8,599	8,372	8,115	8,392
VA	:	4,980	4,866	4,855	5,400	5,272	5,345
CA, TN, & WV	:	8,443	8,599	*9,563	*8,651	*8,065	8,872

1996 Total	:	127,938	*128,704	*133,564	*132,712	*131,714	133,588

1995 Total	:	129,944	130,442	133,899	133,019	131,899	130,139

% of Prev Yr	:	98	99	100	100	100	103

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 166 million eggs during the week ending August 17, 1996. This was up 1 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 132 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 17, 1996. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through August 17, 1996, were 4.41 billion, slightly above the 4.39 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

: Week Ending

State	Jul 13	Jul 20	Jul 27	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17
	1,000					
AL	23,747	23,940	*23,791	23,972	24,093	23,839
AR	*28,813	*29,093	28,970	28,753	28,881	29,207
DE	4,706	4,701	4,697	4,559	4,535	4,676
FL	2,903	2,864	2,856	2,884	2,860	2,860
GA	28,658	28,900	*28,674	28,461	*28,329	27,903
MD	8,238	8,263	8,611	8,462	8,443	8,712
MS	16,390	16,213	15,614	16,358	*15,981	16,077
NC	17,529	17,633	*17,610	17,951	17,699	17,469
PA	3,393	3,548	*3,654	3,293	*3,329	3,572
SC	4,338	4,335	4,337	4,356	4,350	4,330
TX	11,626	*11,470	11,331	11,210	11,393	11,128
VA	6,359	6,351	6,535	6,586	6,520	6,485
CA, TN, & WV	9,753	9,137	9,297	9,466	9,322	9,347
1996 Total	*166,453	*166,448	*165,977	166,311	*165,735	165,605
1995 Total	165,367	165,750	164,548	163,591	162,869	164,564
% of Prev Yr	101	100	101	102	102	101

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Jul 13	Jul 20	Jul 27	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17
	1,000					
AL	16,729	17,128	16,070	16,758	17,297	16,697
AR	*22,698	21,536	20,978	22,505	22,460	22,822
DE	5,258	4,485	5,633	4,993	5,542	5,372
FL	2,598	2,529	2,424	2,703	2,644	2,571
GA	23,251	23,458	22,917	23,196	*23,290	23,247
MD	5,570	5,818	5,400	6,231	5,396	5,929
MS	13,720	13,292	13,867	14,036	*14,075	13,521
NC	14,315	12,796	13,378	13,814	*13,489	13,625
PA	2,626	2,538	2,645	2,672	*2,674	2,725
SC	3,500	3,422	3,551	3,654	*3,434	3,934
TX	8,486	7,513	8,327	8,599	8,372	8,115
VA	5,358	4,980	4,866	4,855	5,400	5,272
CA, TN, & WV	9,416	8,443	8,599	*9,508	8,587	7,957
1996 Total	*133,525	127,938	128,655	*133,524	*132,660	131,787
1995 Total	133,790	129,944	130,442	133,899	133,019	131,899
% of Prev Yr	100	98	99	100	100	100

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up 2 Percent

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Broiler Chicks Placed Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 133 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 10, 1996. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through August 10, 1996, were 4.27 billion, slightly above the 4.25 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

: Week Ending

State	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20	Jul 27	Aug 3	Aug 10
1,000						
AL	22,984	*23,747	23,940	23,666	*23,972	24,093
AR	27,177	*28,440	28,626	28,970	28,753	28,881
DE	4,619	4,706	4,701	4,697	4,559	4,535
FL	2,603	2,903	2,864	2,856	2,884	2,860
GA	28,004	28,658	28,900	*28,523	*28,461	28,273
MD	8,286	8,238	8,263	8,611	8,462	8,443
MS	15,808	16,390	16,213	15,614	16,358	15,908
NC	17,140	17,529	17,633	17,437	17,951	17,699
PA	3,313	3,393	3,548	3,554	*3,293	3,399
SC	4,338	4,338	4,335	4,337	4,356	4,350
TX	11,338	11,626	11,108	11,331	11,210	11,393
VA	6,194	6,359	6,351	6,535	*6,586	6,520
CA, TN, & WV	8,700	9,753	*9,137	9,297	9,466	9,322
1996 Total	160,504	*166,080	*165,619	*165,428	*166,311	165,676
1995 Total	160,939	165,367	165,750	164,548	163,591	162,869
% of Prev Yr	100	100	100	101	102	102

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20	Jul 27	Aug 3	Aug 10
1,000						
AL	17,570	16,729	17,128	16,070	*16,758	17,297
AR	23,814	*22,680	21,536	20,978	22,505	22,460
DE	5,459	5,258	4,485	5,633	4,993	5,542
FL	2,424	2,598	2,529	2,424	2,703	2,644
GA	24,082	*23,251	*23,458	*22,917	*23,196	23,219
MD	5,866	5,570	5,818	5,400	6,231	5,396
MS	14,059	13,720	13,292	*13,867	*14,036	14,067
NC	14,078	14,315	12,796	13,378	13,814	13,395
PA	2,567	2,626	2,538	2,645	2,672	2,693
SC	3,573	3,500	3,422	3,551	3,654	3,529
TX	8,409	8,486	7,513	8,327	8,599	8,372
VA	5,080	5,358	4,980	4,866	*4,855	5,400
CA, TN, & WV	*9,093	*9,416	*8,443	*8,599	9,559	8,587
1996 Total	*136,074	*133,507	*127,938	*128,655	*133,575	132,601
1995 Total	134,419	133,790	129,944	130,442	133,899	133,019
% of Prev Yr	101	100	98	99	100	100

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

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Broiler Chicks Placed Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 3, 1996. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through August 3, 1996, were 4.14 billion, slightly above the 4.12 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 29	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20	Jul 27	Aug 3
	1,000					
AL	23,539	*22,984	23,894	*23,940	*23,666	23,711
AR	*28,300	*27,177	*28,515	*28,626	28,970	28,753
DE	4,233	4,619	4,706	4,701	4,697	4,559
FL	2,915	2,603	*2,903	2,864	2,856	2,884
GA	28,313	28,004	*28,658	28,900	*28,302	28,646
MD	7,742	8,286	8,238	8,263	*8,611	8,462
MS	15,772	15,808	16,390	16,213	*15,614	16,358
NC	16,018	17,140	17,529	17,633	17,437	17,951
PA	3,335	3,313	3,393	3,548	*3,554	3,432
SC	4,342	4,338	4,338	4,335	4,337	4,356
TX	10,551	11,338	11,626	11,108	11,331	11,210
VA	6,182	6,194	6,359	6,351	*6,535	6,579
CA, TN, & WV	8,948	8,700	9,753	*9,138	*9,297	9,466
1996 Total	*160,190	*160,504	*166,302	*165,620	*165,207	166,367
1995 Total	160,027	160,939	165,367	165,750	164,548	163,591
% of Prev Yr	100	100	101	100	100	102

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 29	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20	Jul 27	Aug 3
	1,000					
AL	17,406	*17,570	16,729	*17,128	*16,070	16,913
AR	*22,892	*23,814	*22,663	*21,536	20,978	22,505
DE	4,878	5,459	5,258	4,485	5,633	4,993
FL	2,520	2,424	2,598	2,529	2,424	2,703
GA	23,409	24,082	23,241	23,459	*23,098	23,190
MD	6,584	5,866	5,570	5,818	5,400	6,231
MS	13,991	14,059	13,720	13,292	13,843	14,203
NC	13,402	14,078	14,315	12,796	13,378	13,814
PA	2,630	2,567	2,626	2,538	*2,645	2,672
SC	3,856	3,573	3,500	3,422	3,551	3,654
TX	8,324	8,409	8,486	7,513	8,327	8,599
VA	5,117	5,080	5,358	4,980	*4,866	4,727
CA, TN, & WV	9,840	9,072	9,396	*8,423	*8,578	9,559
1996 Total	*134,849	*136,053	*133,460	*127,919	*128,791	133,763
1995 Total	135,618	134,419	133,790	129,944	130,442	133,899
% of Prev Yr	99	101	100	98	99	100

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Broiler Chicks Placed Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 129 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 27, 1996. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through July 27, 1996, were 4.01 billion, slightly above the 3.99 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 22	Jun 29	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20	Jul 27
	1,000					
AL	23,530	23,539	23,374	23,894	23,866	23,597
AR	28,904	28,247	27,056	28,470	28,572	28,970
DE	4,087	4,233	4,619	4,706	4,701	4,697
FL	2,891	2,915	2,603	2,873	2,864	2,856
GA	28,220	28,313	*28,004	28,437	*28,900	28,260
MD	8,587	7,742	8,286	8,238	8,263	8,506
MS	16,168	15,772	15,808	16,390	16,213	15,534
NC	18,119	16,018	*17,140	17,529	17,633	17,437
PA	3,641	3,335	*3,313	*3,393	*3,548	3,541
SC	4,339	4,342	4,338	4,338	4,335	4,337
TX	11,142	10,551	11,338	11,626	11,108	11,331
VA	6,262	6,182	6,194	6,359	6,351	6,347
CA, TN, & WV	9,705	*8,948	8,700	9,753	9,167	9,296
1996 Total	165,595	*160,137	*160,773	*166,006	*165,521	164,709
1995 Total	165,385	160,027	160,939	165,367	165,750	164,548
% of Prev Yr	100	100	100	100	100	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 22	Jun 29	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20	Jul 27
	1,000					
AL	17,592	17,406	17,566	16,729	17,121	15,981
AR	23,117	22,907	23,623	22,699	21,526	20,978
DE	5,344	4,878	5,459	5,258	4,485	5,633
FL	2,720	2,520	2,424	2,598	2,529	2,424
GA	23,434	23,409	24,082	23,241	*23,459	23,201
MD	5,729	6,584	5,866	5,570	5,818	5,400
MS	14,205	13,991	14,059	13,720	13,292	13,843
NC	13,054	13,402	14,078	14,315	*12,796	13,378
PA	2,577	2,630	*2,567	*2,626	*2,538	2,630
SC	3,811	3,856	3,573	3,500	*3,422	3,551
TX	8,358	8,324	8,409	8,486	*7,513	8,327
VA	5,340	5,117	5,080	5,358	*4,980	4,919
CA, TN, & WV	8,868	9,840	9,072	9,396	8,424	8,662
1996 Total	134,149	134,864	*135,858	*133,496	*127,903	128,927
1995 Total	134,667	135,618	134,419	133,790	129,944	130,442
% of Prev Yr	100	99	101	100	98	99

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Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 128 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 20, 1996. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through July 20, 1996, were 3.88 billion, 1 percent above the 3.86 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 15	Jun 22	Jun 29	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20
	1,000					
AL	23,910	23,530	23,539	23,374	23,894	23,866
AR	29,163	28,904	28,247	27,056	28,470	28,572
DE	4,380	4,087	4,233	4,619	*4,706	4,701
FL	2,865	2,891	2,915	2,603	2,873	2,864
GA	29,091	28,220	28,313	*27,711	*28,437	29,197
MD	8,558	8,587	7,742	8,286	*8,238	8,263
MS	16,018	16,168	15,772	15,808	16,390	16,213
NC	17,765	18,119	*16,018	*17,016	17,529	17,633
PA	3,695	3,641	3,335	3,497	3,371	3,428
SC	4,355	4,339	4,342	4,338	4,338	4,335
TX	11,206	11,142	10,551	11,338	11,626	11,108
VA	6,373	6,262	6,182	6,194	6,359	6,351
CA, TN, & WV	9,838	9,705	8,656	8,700	9,753	9,167
1996 Total	167,217	165,595	*159,845	*160,540	*165,984	165,698
1995 Total	165,861	165,385	160,027	160,939	165,367	165,750
% of Prev Yr	101	100	100	100	100	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 15	Jun 22	Jun 29	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20
	1,000					
AL	17,679	17,592	17,406	17,566	16,729	17,121
AR	22,524	23,117	22,907	23,623	22,699	21,526
DE	6,002	5,344	4,878	5,459	*5,258	4,485
FL	2,611	2,720	2,520	2,424	2,598	2,529
GA	23,368	23,434	23,409	*24,082	*23,241	23,479
MD	5,366	5,729	6,584	5,866	*5,570	5,818
MS	14,148	14,205	13,991	14,059	13,720	13,292
NC	13,252	13,054	13,402	*14,078	14,315	13,078
PA	2,426	2,577	2,630	2,584	2,638	2,541
SC	3,399	3,811	3,856	3,573	3,500	3,134
TX	8,464	8,358	8,324	8,409	8,486	7,518
VA	5,239	5,340	5,117	5,080	5,358	4,783
CA, TN, & WV	8,896	8,868	9,840	9,072	9,396	8,424
1996 Total	133,374	134,149	134,864	*135,875	*133,508	127,728
1995 Total	135,564	134,667	135,618	134,419	133,790	129,944
% of Prev Yr	98	100	99	101	100	98

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 166 million eggs during the week ending July 13, 1996. This was up slightly from the eggs set 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 133 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 13, 1996. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through July 13, 1996, were 3.75 billion, 1 percent above the 3.73 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 8	Jun 15	Jun 22	Jun 29	Jul 6	Jul 13
	1,000					
AL	23,991	23,910	23,530	23,539	23,374	23,894
AR	29,329	29,163	28,904	28,247	27,056	28,470
DE	4,428	4,380	4,087	4,233	4,619	4,714
FL	2,933	2,865	2,891	2,915	2,603	2,873
GA	29,117	29,091	*28,220	28,313	*27,928	28,514
MD	8,710	8,558	8,587	7,742	8,286	8,246
MS	16,174	16,018	16,168	15,772	15,808	16,390
NC	16,888	17,765	*18,119	15,882	16,822	17,529

PA	:	3,384	3,695	3,641	3,335	3,497	3,371
SC	:	4,323	4,355	4,339	4,342	4,338	4,338
TX	:	11,240	*11,206	*11,142	10,551	*11,338	11,626
VA	:	6,349	6,373	6,262	6,182	6,194	6,359
CA, TN, & WV	:	10,105	9,838	9,705	8,656	8,700	9,753

1996 Total	:	166,971	*167,217	*165,595	159,709	*160,563	166,077

1995 Total	:	167,158	165,861	165,385	160,027	160,939	165,367

% of Prev Yr	:	100	101	100	100	100	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	:	Week Ending					
		Jun 8	Jun 15	Jun 22	Jun 29	Jul 6	Jul 13
	:	1,000					
	:						
AL	:	17,069	17,679	17,592	17,406	17,566	16,729
AR	:	23,885	22,524	23,117	22,907	23,623	22,699
DE	:	5,154	6,002	5,344	4,878	5,459	5,369
FL	:	2,680	2,611	2,720	2,520	2,424	2,598
GA	:	23,613	23,368	23,434	23,409	*24,091	23,243
MD	:	6,548	5,366	5,729	6,584	5,866	5,427
MS	:	14,323	14,148	14,205	13,991	14,059	13,720
NC	:	13,083	13,252	13,054	13,402	*14,243	14,315
PA	:	2,517	2,426	2,577	2,630	2,584	2,638
SC	:	3,459	3,399	3,811	3,856	*3,573	3,500
TX	:	8,352	8,464	8,358	8,324	8,409	8,486
VA	:	5,330	5,239	5,340	5,117	5,080	5,358
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,727	8,896	8,868	9,840	*9,072	9,396

1996 Total	:	135,740	133,374	134,149	134,864	*136,049	133,478

1995 Total	:	135,665	135,564	134,667	135,618	134,419	133,790

% of Prev Yr	:	100	98	100	99	101	100

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up Slightly

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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 July 6, 1996. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through July 6, 1996, were 3.62 billion, 1 percent above the 3.59 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 1	Jun 8	Jun 15	Jun 22	Jun 29	Jul 6
	1,000					
AL	24,191	23,991	23,910	23,530	23,539	23,374
AR	29,296	29,329	29,163	28,904	28,247	27,056
DE	4,405	4,428	4,380	4,087	4,233	4,619
FL	2,980	2,933	2,865	2,891	2,915	2,603
GA	28,671	29,117	*29,091	28,020	*28,313	28,449
MD	8,744	8,710	8,558	8,587	7,742	8,286
MS	16,449	16,174	*16,018	*16,168	15,772	15,808

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 160 million eggs during the week ending June 29, 1996. This was up slightly from the eggs set 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 135 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 29, 1996. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through June 29, 1996, were 3.48 billion, 1 percent above the 3.46 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 25	Jun 1	Jun 8	Jun 15	Jun 22	Jun 29
	1,000					
AL	23,988	24,191	23,991	23,910	23,530	23,539
AR	29,328	29,296	29,329	29,163	28,904	28,247
DE	4,380	4,405	4,428	4,380	4,087	4,233
FL	2,906	2,980	2,933	2,865	2,891	2,915
GA	28,358	28,671	*29,117	29,534	*28,020	28,336
MD	8,783	8,744	8,710	8,558	8,587	7,742

MS	:	16,478	16,449	16,174	15,924	16,059	15,772
NC	:	16,594	16,923	*16,888	17,763	18,105	15,882
PA	:	3,331	3,562	3,384	3,695	3,641	3,339
SC	:	4,225	4,275	4,323	4,355	4,339	4,342
TX	:	11,577	11,222	11,240	11,124	11,043	10,551
VA	:	6,289	6,279	6,349	6,373	6,262	6,143
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,632	9,278	10,105	9,837	*9,704	9,412

1996 Total	:	165,869	166,275	*166,971	167,481	*165,172	160,453

1995 Total	:	165,545	165,045	167,158	165,861	165,385	160,027

% of Prev Yr	:	100	101	100	101	100	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	:	Week Ending					
	:	May 25	Jun 1	Jun 8	Jun 15	Jun 22	Jun 29

:	:	1,000					
AL	:	16,616	17,418	17,069	17,679	17,592	17,406
AR	:	21,298	22,609	23,885	22,524	23,117	22,907
DE	:	5,121	5,393	5,154	6,002	5,344	4,878
FL	:	2,840	2,304	2,680	2,611	2,720	2,520
GA	:	23,524	23,348	23,613	23,368	*23,434	23,377
MD	:	6,076	6,255	6,548	5,366	5,729	6,584
MS	:	13,831	13,884	14,323	14,210	14,246	13,991
NC	:	13,561	13,786	13,083	13,252	13,054	13,234
PA	:	2,538	2,570	2,517	2,426	2,577	2,644
SC	:	3,391	3,847	3,459	3,399	3,811	4,022
TX	:	8,804	8,519	8,362	8,475	8,368	8,335
VA	:	5,202	4,969	5,330	5,239	5,340	5,146
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,224	9,762	9,727	8,896	*8,873	9,850

1996 Total	:	132,026	134,664	135,750	133,447	*134,205	134,894

1995 Total	:	134,872	134,367	135,665	135,564	134,667	135,618

% of Prev Yr	:	98	100	100	98	100	99

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 165 million eggs during the week ending June 22, 1996. This was down slightly from the eggs set 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 22, 1996. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through June 22, 1996, were 3.35 billion, 1 percent above the 3.32 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 18	May 25	Jun 1	Jun 8	Jun 15	Jun 22
	1,000					
AL	24,012	23,988	24,191	23,991	23,910	23,530

AR	:	*28,685	*29,328	*29,296	*29,329	29,163	28,904
DE	:	4,395	4,380	4,405	4,428	4,380	4,087
FL	:	2,920	2,906	*2,980	2,933	2,865	2,891
GA	:	28,260	28,358	*28,671	*29,050	*29,534	28,193
MD	:	8,841	8,783	8,744	8,710	8,558	8,587
MS	:	16,299	16,478	16,449	16,174	15,924	16,059
NC	:	17,557	16,594	16,923	16,860	17,763	18,105
PA	:	3,317	3,331	*3,562	3,384	*3,695	3,641
SC	:	4,267	4,225	4,275	4,323	4,355	4,339
TX	:	11,489	11,577	11,222	11,240	11,124	11,043
VA	:	6,315	6,289	6,279	6,349	6,373	6,262
CA, TN, & WV	:	10,016	9,632	9,278	10,105	9,837	9,734

1996 Total	:	*166,373	*165,869	*166,275	*166,876	*167,481	165,375

1995 Total	:	166,581	165,545	165,045	167,158	165,861	165,385

% of Prev Yr	:	100	100	101	100	101	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 18	May 25	Jun 1	Jun 8	Jun 15	Jun 22

	1,000					
AL	16,975	16,616	17,418	17,069	17,679	17,592
AR	22,751	*21,298	*22,609	*23,885	22,524	23,117
DE	5,905	5,121	5,393	5,154	6,002	5,344
FL	2,732	2,840	2,304	2,680	2,611	2,720
GA	23,427	23,524	23,348	23,613	*23,368	23,441
MD	5,114	6,076	6,255	6,548	5,366	5,729
MS	14,139	13,831	13,884	14,323	14,210	14,246
NC	13,821	13,561	13,786	13,083	13,252	13,054
PA	2,576	2,538	*2,570	2,517	*2,426	2,577
SC	3,175	3,391	3,847	3,459	3,399	3,811
TX	8,805	8,804	8,519	8,362	8,475	8,368
VA	5,008	5,202	4,969	5,330	5,239	5,340
CA, TN, & WV	9,393	9,224	*9,762	*9,727	*8,896	8,872

1996 Total	133,821	*132,026	*134,664	*135,750	*133,447	134,211

1995 Total	133,500	134,872	134,367	135,665	135,564	134,667

% of Prev Yr	100	98	100	100	98	100

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Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 133 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 15, 1996. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through June 15, 1996, were 3.21 billion, 1 percent above the 3.19 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 11	May 18	May 25	Jun 1	Jun 8	Jun 15
	1,000					
AL	24,399	24,012	23,988	24,191	23,991	23,910
AR	28,890	28,717	29,306	29,295	29,228	29,163
DE	4,351	4,395	4,380	4,405	4,428	4,380
FL	2,710	2,920	2,906	2,800	2,933	2,865
GA	28,672	28,260	28,358	*28,293	*28,428	29,567
MD	8,915	8,841	8,783	8,744	8,710	8,558
MS	16,267	16,299	16,478	16,449	16,174	15,924
NC	17,693	17,557	16,594	16,923	16,860	17,763
PA	3,396	3,317	3,331	3,485	3,384	3,685

SC	:	4,277	4,267	4,225	4,275	4,323	4,355
TX	:	11,558	11,489	11,577	11,222	*11,240	11,124
VA	:	6,248	6,315	*6,289	6,279	6,349	6,373
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,942	10,016	9,632	9,278	10,105	9,837

1996 Total	:	167,318	166,405	*165,847	*165,639	*166,153	167,504

1995 Total	:	165,032	166,581	165,545	165,045	167,158	165,861

% of Prev Yr	:	101	100	100	100	99	101

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	:	Week Ending					
	:	May 11	May 18	May 25	Jun 1	Jun 8	Jun 15

:	:	1,000					

AL	:	17,069	16,975	16,616	17,418	17,069	17,679
AR	:	23,579	22,751	21,379	*22,607	23,812	22,524
DE	:	5,178	5,905	5,121	5,393	5,154	6,002
FL	:	2,588	2,732	2,840	2,304	2,680	2,611
GA	:	23,267	23,427	23,524	*23,348	*23,613	23,357
MD	:	6,117	5,114	6,076	6,255	6,548	5,366
MS	:	13,978	14,139	13,831	13,884	14,323	14,210
NC	:	13,989	13,821	13,561	13,786	13,083	13,252
PA	:	2,524	2,576	2,538	2,588	2,517	2,433
SC	:	3,755	3,175	3,391	3,847	*3,459	3,399
TX	:	8,732	8,805	8,804	8,519	*8,362	8,475
VA	:	5,124	5,008	5,202	4,969	5,330	5,239
CA, TN, & WV	:	*9,283	*9,393	*9,224	*9,763	*9,728	8,897

1996 Total	:	*135,183	*133,821	*132,107	*134,681	*135,678	133,444

1995 Total	:	134,601	133,500	134,872	134,367	135,665	135,564

% of Prev Yr	:	100	100	98	100	100	98

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Broiler Chicks Placed Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 136 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 8, 1996. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through June 8, 1996, were 3.08 billion, 1 percent above the 3.05 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25	Jun 1	Jun 8
	1,000					
AL	23,497	24,399	24,012	23,988	24,191	23,991
AR	27,575	28,890	28,717	*29,306	29,295	29,228
DE	4,388	4,351	4,395	4,380	4,405	4,428
FL	2,826	2,710	2,920	2,906	2,800	2,933
GA	28,232	28,672	28,260	28,358	*28,283	28,693
MD	8,464	8,915	8,841	8,783	8,744	8,710
MS	16,193	16,267	16,299	16,478	16,449	16,174
NC	17,103	*17,693	*17,557	16,594	16,923	16,860

PA	:	3,502	3,396	3,317	3,331	3,485	3,384
SC	:	4,274	4,277	4,267	4,225	4,275	4,323
TX	:	11,557	11,558	11,489	11,577	*11,222	11,266
VA	:	6,274	6,248	6,315	6,259	6,279	6,349
CA, TN, & WV	:	*9,641	*9,942	*10,016	*9,632	*9,278	10,105

1996 Total	:	*163,526	*167,318	*166,405	*165,817	*165,629	166,444

1995 Total	:	165,324	165,032	166,581	165,545	165,045	167,158

% of Prev Yr	:	99	101	100	100	100	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending						
	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25	Jun 1	Jun 8	

	1,000						
AL	:	16,964	17,069	16,975	16,616	17,418	17,069
AR	:	22,704	23,579	22,751	*21,379	22,553	23,812
DE	:	4,967	5,178	5,905	5,121	5,393	5,154
FL	:	2,574	2,588	2,732	2,840	*2,304	2,680
GA	:	23,418	23,267	23,427	23,524	*23,380	23,879
MD	:	6,193	6,117	5,114	6,076	6,255	6,548
MS	:	14,087	13,978	14,139	13,831	13,884	14,323
NC	:	14,464	13,989	13,821	13,561	13,786	13,083
PA	:	2,572	2,524	2,576	2,538	2,588	2,517
SC	:	3,576	3,755	3,175	3,391	3,847	3,409
TX	:	*8,611	*8,732	*8,805	*8,804	8,519	8,581
VA	:	4,986	5,124	5,008	5,202	4,969	5,330
CA, TN, & WV	:	*9,882	*9,236	*9,346	*9,177	*9,765	9,730

1996 Total	:	*134,998	*135,136	*133,774	*132,060	*134,661	136,115

1995 Total	:	135,124	134,601	133,500	134,872	134,367	135,665

% of Prev Yr	:	100	100	100	98	100	100

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 166 million eggs during the week ending June 1, 1996. This was up slightly from the eggs set 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 135 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 1, 1996. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through June 1, 1996, were 2.94 billion, 1 percent above the 2.92 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 27	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25	Jun 1
	1,000					
AL	23,751	23,497	24,399	24,012	23,988	24,191
AR	28,679	27,575	28,890	28,717	28,977	29,295
DE	4,160	4,388	4,351	4,395	4,380	4,405
FL	2,689	2,826	*2,710	2,920	2,906	2,800
GA	28,833	*28,232	*28,672	*28,260	*28,358	28,293
MD	8,518	8,464	8,915	8,841	8,783	8,744
MS	15,995	16,193	16,267	16,299	16,478	16,449

NC	:	17,363	17,103	17,763	17,702	16,594	16,923
PA	:	3,383	3,502	3,396	3,317	*3,331	3,485
SC	:	4,211	4,274	4,277	4,267	4,225	4,275
TX	:	11,763	11,557	11,558	11,489	11,577	11,323
VA	:	6,139	6,274	6,248	6,315	6,259	6,279
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,388	9,647	9,948	10,014	*9,640	9,289

1996 Total	:	164,872	*163,532	*167,394	*166,548	*165,496	165,751

1995 Total	:	164,315	165,324	165,032	166,581	165,545	165,045

% of Prev Yr	:	100	99	101	100	100	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	:	Week Ending					
	:	Apr 27	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25	Jun 1

:	:	1,000					
:	:						
AL	:	16,955	16,964	17,069	16,975	16,616	17,418
AR	:	22,188	22,704	23,579	22,751	20,983	22,553
DE	:	4,654	4,967	5,178	5,905	5,121	5,393
FL	:	2,688	2,574	2,588	2,732	2,840	2,294
GA	:	23,433	*23,418	*23,267	*23,427	*23,524	23,366
MD	:	6,699	6,193	6,117	5,114	6,076	6,255
MS	:	14,095	14,087	13,978	14,139	13,831	13,884
NC	:	14,013	14,464	13,989	13,821	13,561	13,786
PA	:	2,526	2,572	2,524	2,576	*2,538	2,588
SC	:	3,333	3,576	3,755	3,175	*3,391	3,847
TX	:	8,642	8,606	8,727	8,800	8,799	8,519
VA	:	5,284	4,986	5,124	5,008	5,202	4,969
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,323	9,892	9,244	9,349	*9,183	9,769

1996 Total	:	133,833	*135,003	*135,139	*133,772	*131,665	134,641

1995 Total	:	135,866	135,124	134,601	133,500	134,872	134,367

% of Prev Yr	:	99	100	100	100	98	100

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 166 million eggs during the week ending May 25, 1996. This was up slightly from the eggs set 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 Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 132 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 25, 1996. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through May 25, 1996, were 2.81 billion, 1 percent above the 2.78 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 20	Apr 27	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
	1,000					
AL	23,613	23,751	23,497	24,399	24,012	23,988
AR	29,031	28,679	27,575	28,890	28,717	28,977
DE	4,311	4,160	4,388	4,351	4,395	4,380
FL	2,626	2,689	2,826	2,730	2,920	2,906
GA	28,566	28,833	28,904	29,167	*28,742	28,831
MD	8,716	8,518	8,464	8,915	8,841	8,783
MS	15,792	15,995	16,193	16,267	16,299	16,478

NC	:	17,972	17,363	17,103	17,763	17,702	16,594
PA	:	*3,499	*3,383	*3,502	*3,396	*3,317	3,259
SC	:	4,271	4,211	4,274	4,277	4,267	4,225
TX	:	11,225	11,763	11,557	11,558	11,489	11,577
VA	:	6,327	6,139	6,274	6,248	6,315	6,259
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,975	9,388	9,647	*9,948	10,014	9,946

1996 Total	:	*165,924	*164,872	*164,204	*167,909	*167,030	166,203

1995 Total	:	165,507	164,315	165,324	165,032	166,581	165,545

% of Prev Yr	:	100	100	99	102	100	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	:	Week Ending					
		Apr 20	Apr 27	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
	:	1,000					
	:						
AL	:	16,378	16,955	16,964	17,069	16,975	16,616
AR	:	21,136	22,188	22,704	23,579	22,751	20,983
DE	:	5,430	4,654	4,967	5,178	5,905	5,121
FL	:	2,510	2,688	2,574	2,588	2,732	2,840
GA	:	22,863	23,433	23,601	23,451	*23,609	23,987
MD	:	5,419	6,699	6,193	6,117	5,114	6,076
MS	:	14,021	14,095	14,087	13,978	14,139	13,831
NC	:	13,760	14,013	14,464	13,989	13,821	13,561
PA	:	*2,487	*2,526	*2,572	*2,524	*2,576	2,550
SC	:	3,851	3,333	3,576	3,755	3,175	3,503
TX	:	8,204	8,642	8,606	8,727	8,800	8,799
VA	:	5,505	5,284	4,986	5,124	5,008	5,202
CA, TN, & WV	:	8,854	9,323	9,892	*9,244	9,349	9,206

1996 Total	:	*130,418	*133,833	*135,186	*135,323	*133,954	132,275

1995 Total	:	133,791	135,866	135,124	134,601	133,500	134,872

% of Prev Yr	:	97	99	100	101	100	98

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 167 million eggs during the week ending May 18, 1996. This was up slightly from the eggs set 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 18, 1996. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through May 18, 1996, were 2.68 billion, 1 percent above the 2.65 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27	May 4	May 11	May 18
	1,000					
AL	24,100	23,613	23,751	23,497	24,399	24,012
AR	28,830	*29,031	*28,679	*27,575	*28,890	28,717
DE	4,391	4,311	4,160	4,388	4,351	4,395
FL	2,710	2,626	2,689	2,826	2,730	2,920
GA	28,956	28,566	*28,833	28,904	*29,167	28,761
MD	8,594	8,716	8,518	8,464	8,915	8,841
MS	15,922	15,792	15,995	16,193	16,267	16,299
NC	17,704	17,972	17,363	17,103	17,763	17,702

PA	:	3,315	3,179	3,289	3,297	3,279	3,343
SC	:	4,323	4,271	4,211	4,274	4,277	4,267
TX	:	11,787	11,225	11,763	11,557	*11,558	11,489
VA	:	6,285	6,327	*6,139	6,274	6,248	6,315
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,982	9,975	9,388	9,647	9,950	10,014

1996 Total	:	166,899	*165,604	*164,778	*163,999	*167,794	167,075

1995 Total	:	166,244	165,507	164,315	165,324	165,032	166,581

% of Prev Yr	:	100	100	100	99	102	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	:	Week Ending					
	:	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27	May 4	May 11	May 18

:	:	1,000					
:	:						
AL	:	16,852	16,378	16,955	16,964	17,069	16,975
AR	:	22,887	21,136	22,188	*22,704	*23,579	22,751
DE	:	4,508	5,430	4,654	4,967	5,178	5,905
FL	:	2,683	2,510	2,688	2,574	2,588	2,732
GA	:	23,249	22,863	23,433	23,601	*23,451	23,615
MD	:	6,354	5,419	6,699	6,193	6,117	5,114
MS	:	13,249	14,021	14,095	14,087	13,978	14,139
NC	:	14,001	13,760	14,013	14,464	13,989	13,821
PA	:	2,417	2,496	2,514	2,570	2,493	2,586
SC	:	3,363	3,851	3,333	3,576	3,755	3,175
TX	:	8,288	8,204	8,642	8,606	*8,727	8,800
VA	:	5,440	5,505	5,284	4,986	5,124	5,008
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,359	8,854	9,323	9,892	9,250	9,349

1996 Total	:	132,650	130,427	133,821	*135,184	*135,298	133,970

1995 Total	:	133,373	133,791	135,866	135,124	134,601	133,500

% of Prev Yr	:	99	97	98	100	101	100

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up 1 Percent

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Broiler Chicks Placed Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 135 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 11, 1996. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through May 11, 1996, were 2.54 billion, 1 percent above the 2.52 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27	May 4	May 11
	1,000					
AL	24,044	24,100	23,613	23,751	23,497	24,399
AR	29,169	28,830	28,944	26,713	27,651	28,916
DE	4,285	4,391	4,311	4,160	4,388	4,351
FL	2,872	2,710	2,626	2,689	2,826	2,730
GA	28,843	28,956	28,566	28,766	*28,904	28,700
MD	8,772	8,594	*8,716	8,518	8,464	8,915
MS	15,917	15,922	15,792	15,995	16,193	16,267

NC	:	17,554	17,704	17,972	17,363	17,103	17,763
PA	:	*3,354	3,315	3,179	3,289	3,297	3,279
SC	:	4,275	4,323	4,271	4,211	4,274	4,277
TX	:	11,507	11,787	11,225	11,763	11,557	11,610
VA	:	6,342	6,285	6,327	6,305	6,274	6,248
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,445	9,982	9,975	9,388	9,647	9,950

1996 Total	:	*166,379	166,899	*165,517	162,911	*164,075	167,405

1995 Total	:	166,109	166,244	165,507	164,315	165,324	165,032

% of Prev Yr	:	100	100	100	99	99	101

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	:	Week Ending					
	:	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27	May 4	May 11

:	:	1,000					

AL	:	16,570	16,852	16,378	16,955	16,964	17,069
AR	:	22,840	22,887	21,136	22,188	22,685	23,334
DE	:	4,802	4,508	5,430	4,654	4,967	5,178
FL	:	2,719	2,683	2,510	2,688	2,574	2,588
GA	:	22,668	23,249	22,863	23,433	*23,601	23,437
MD	:	6,507	6,354	5,419	6,699	6,193	6,117
MS	:	12,976	13,249	14,021	14,095	14,087	13,978
NC	:	13,927	14,001	13,760	14,013	14,464	13,989
PA	:	*2,514	2,417	2,496	2,514	2,570	2,493
SC	:	3,531	*3,363	3,851	*3,333	3,576	3,755
TX	:	8,370	8,288	8,204	8,642	8,606	8,734
VA	:	5,264	5,440	5,505	5,284	4,986	5,124
CA, TN, & WV	:	*9,480	*9,359	*8,854	*9,323	9,892	9,250

1996 Total	:	*132,168	*132,650	*130,427	*133,821	*135,165	135,046

1995 Total	:	134,786	133,373	133,791	135,866	135,124	134,601

% of Prev Yr	:	98	99	97	98	100	100

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Down 1 Percent

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Broiler Chicks Placed Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 135 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 4, 1996. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through May 4, 1996, were 2.41 billion, 1 percent above the 2.38 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 30	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27	May 4
	1,000					
AL	23,135	*24,044	24,100	23,613	23,751	23,497
AR	28,368	29,169	*28,830	*28,944	26,713	27,651
DE	4,159	4,285	4,391	4,311	4,160	4,388
FL	2,785	*2,872	2,710	2,626	2,689	2,826
GA	28,262	*28,843	*28,956	*28,566	*28,766	28,875
MD	8,832	8,772	8,594	8,439	8,518	8,464
MS	16,122	15,917	15,922	15,792	15,995	16,193

NC	:	17,526	17,554	17,704	17,972	17,363	17,103
PA	:	3,238	3,318	3,315	3,179	3,289	3,297
SC	:	4,182	4,275	4,323	4,271	*4,211	4,274
TX	:	11,358	*11,507	*11,787	*11,225	*11,763	11,557
VA	:	6,335	6,342	6,285	6,327	6,305	6,274
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,341	9,445	9,982	9,975	9,388	9,647

1996 Total	:	163,643	*166,343	*166,899	*165,240	*162,911	164,046

1995 Total	:	165,004	166,109	166,244	165,507	164,315	165,324

% of Prev Yr	:	99	100	100	100	99	99

BROILER CHICKS PLACED IN 15 SELECTED STATES

State	Week Ending						
	Mar 30	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27	May 4	

	1,000						
AL	: 16,853	16,570	16,852	16,378	16,955	16,964	
AR	: 22,871	*22,840	*22,887	*21,136	22,188	22,685	
DE	: 5,157	4,802	4,508	5,430	*4,654	4,967	
FL	: 2,575	*2,719	*2,683	*2,510	2,688	2,574	
GA	: 23,756	22,668	23,249	*22,863	*23,433	23,590	
MD	: 6,380	6,507	6,354	5,419	*6,699	6,193	
MS	: 13,447	12,976	13,249	14,021	14,095	14,087	
NC	: 13,879	13,927	14,001	13,760	14,013	14,464	
PA	: 2,526	2,543	2,417	2,496	2,514	2,570	
SC	: 3,990	3,531	3,365	3,851	*3,403	3,576	
TX	: 8,592	*8,370	*8,288	*8,204	*8,642	8,606	
VA	: 5,132	5,264	5,440	5,505	5,284	4,986	
CA, TN, & WV	: 9,648	9,427	9,306	*8,801	9,270	9,892	

1996 Total	: 134,806	*132,144	*132,599	*130,374	*133,838	135,154	

1995 Total	: 135,083	134,786	133,373	133,791	135,866	135,124	

% of Prev Yr	:	100	98	99	97	99	100

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 163 million eggs during the week ending April 27, 1996. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set 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 Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 27, 1996. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through April 27, 1996, were 2.27 billion, 1 percent above the 2.25 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 23	Mar 30	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27
	1,000					
AL	24,117	23,135	*24,044	24,100	23,613	23,751
AR	28,311	28,368	29,169	28,855	29,038	26,713
DE	4,303	4,159	4,285	4,391	4,311	4,160
FL	2,810	2,785	*2,872	2,710	2,626	2,689
GA	28,539	28,262	*28,843	28,830	*28,566	28,847
MD	8,396	8,832	8,772	8,594	8,439	8,518
MS	15,632	16,122	15,917	15,922	15,792	15,995

NC	:	17,882	17,526	17,554	17,704	17,972	17,363
PA	:	*3,055	3,238	3,318	3,315	3,179	3,289
SC	:	4,222	4,182	4,275	4,323	4,271	4,212
TX	:	11,311	11,358	*11,507	*11,787	*11,225	11,627
VA	:	6,368	6,335	6,342	6,285	6,327	6,305
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,453	9,341	9,445	9,982	9,975	9,388

1996 Total	:	*164,399	163,643	*166,343	*166,798	*165,334	162,857

1995 Total	:	163,616	165,004	166,109	166,244	165,507	164,315

% of Prev Yr	:	100	99	100	100	100	99

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	:	Week Ending					
	:	Mar 23	Mar 30	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27

:	:	1,000					

AL	:	17,231	16,853	16,570	16,852	16,378	16,955
AR	:	23,159	22,871	22,737	22,696	21,144	22,188
DE	:	5,386	5,157	4,802	4,508	5,430	4,521
FL	:	2,368	2,575	*2,719	*2,683	*2,510	2,688
GA	:	24,066	23,756	22,668	23,249	*22,863	23,429
MD	:	6,132	6,380	6,507	6,354	5,419	6,819
MS	:	13,600	13,447	12,976	13,249	14,021	14,095
NC	:	13,824	13,879	13,927	14,001	13,760	14,013
PA	:	*2,572	2,526	2,543	2,417	2,496	2,514
SC	:	3,226	3,990	3,531	3,365	3,851	3,385
TX	:	8,483	8,592	*8,346	*8,264	*8,181	8,621
VA	:	5,321	5,132	5,264	5,440	5,505	5,284
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,350	9,648	9,427	9,306	8,800	9,270

1996 Total	:	*134,718	134,806	*132,017	*132,384	*130,358	133,782

1995 Total	:	134,117	135,083	134,786	133,373	133,791	135,866

% of Prev Yr	:	100	100	98	99	97	98

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Down Slightly

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Broiler Chicks Placed Down 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 130 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 20, 1996. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through April 20, 1996, were 2.14 billion, 1 percent above the 2.11 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

: Week Ending

State	Mar 16	Mar 23	Mar 30	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20
1,000						
AL	23,992	24,117	23,135	24,015	24,100	23,613
AR	28,640	28,311	28,368	29,169	28,855	29,038
DE	4,244	4,303	4,159	4,285	4,391	4,311
FL	2,839	2,810	2,785	2,672	2,710	2,626
GA	28,130	28,539	28,262	28,678	*28,830	28,494
MD	8,869	8,396	8,832	8,772	8,594	8,439
MS	15,532	15,632	16,122	15,917	15,922	15,792
NC	17,581	17,882	17,526	17,554	17,704	17,972
PA	3,411	3,133	3,238	3,318	3,315	3,179
SC	4,247	4,222	4,182	4,275	4,323	4,271
TX	11,301	11,311	11,358	11,452	*11,825	11,199
VA	6,379	6,368	6,335	6,342	6,285	6,327
CA, TN, & WV	9,443	9,453	9,341	9,445	9,982	9,975
1996 Total	164,608	164,477	163,643	165,894	*166,836	165,236
1995 Total	165,411	163,616	165,004	166,109	166,244	165,507
% of Prev Yr	100	101	99	100	100	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Mar 16	Mar 23	Mar 30	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20
1,000						
AL	17,219	17,231	16,853	16,570	*16,852	16,378
AR	24,636	23,159	22,871	22,737	22,696	21,144
DE	5,478	5,386	5,157	4,802	4,508	5,430
FL	2,904	2,368	2,575	2,704	2,653	2,494
GA	23,644	24,066	23,756	22,668	*23,249	22,823
MD	5,886	6,132	6,380	6,507	6,354	5,419
MS	13,323	13,600	13,447	12,976	13,249	14,021
NC	14,031	13,824	13,879	13,927	14,001	13,760
PA	2,578	2,564	2,526	2,543	2,417	2,496
SC	3,574	3,226	3,990	3,531	3,365	3,851
TX	8,485	8,483	8,592	8,356	*8,274	8,191
VA	5,507	5,321	5,132	5,264	5,440	5,505
CA, TN, & WV	8,899	9,350	9,648	*9,427	*9,306	8,800
1996 Total	136,164	134,710	134,806	*132,012	*132,364	130,312
1995 Total	133,936	134,117	135,083	134,786	133,373	133,791
% of Prev Yr	102	100	100	98	99	97

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 167 million eggs during the week ending April 13, 1996. This was up slightly 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 132 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 13, 1996. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from December 31, 1995, through April 13, 1996, were 2.01 billion, 2 percent above the 1.98 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 23	Mar 30	Apr 6	Apr 13

		1,000					
AL	:	23,528	23,992	24,117	23,135	24,015	24,100
AR	:	29,323	28,640	28,311	28,368	29,169	28,855
DE	:	4,600	4,244	4,303	4,159	4,285	4,391
FL	:	2,879	2,839	2,810	2,785	2,672	2,710
GA	:	29,056	28,130	28,539	28,262	*28,678	28,798
MD	:	8,902	8,869	8,396	8,832	8,772	8,594
MS	:	15,298	15,532	15,632	16,122	15,917	15,922
NC	:	17,765	17,581	17,882	17,526	17,554	17,704
PA	:	3,234	3,411	3,133	3,238	3,318	3,315
SC	:	4,360	4,247	4,222	4,182	4,275	4,323
TX	:	11,312	11,301	11,311	11,358	11,452	11,671
VA	:	6,317	6,379	6,368	6,335	6,342	6,285
CA, TN, & WV	:	10,006	9,443	9,453	9,341	9,445	9,982
1996 Total	:	166,580	164,608	164,477	163,643	*165,894	166,650
1995 Total	:	165,119	165,411	163,616	165,004	166,109	166,244
% of Prev Yr	:	101	100	101	99	100	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending						
	Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 23	Mar 30	Apr 6	Apr 13	
		1,000					
AL	:	17,109	17,219	17,231	16,853	16,570	16,830
AR	:	23,644	24,636	23,159	22,871	22,737	22,696
DE	:	5,057	5,478	5,386	5,157	4,802	4,508
FL	:	2,445	2,904	2,368	2,575	*2,704	2,653
GA	:	23,343	23,644	24,066	23,756	*22,668	23,226
MD	:	6,653	5,886	6,132	6,380	6,507	6,354
MS	:	13,293	13,323	13,600	13,447	12,976	13,249
NC	:	13,576	14,031	13,824	13,879	13,927	14,001
PA	:	2,545	2,578	2,564	2,526	2,543	2,417
SC	:	3,830	3,574	3,226	3,990	3,531	3,365
TX	:	8,408	8,485	8,483	8,592	8,356	8,281
VA	:	5,197	5,507	5,321	5,132	5,264	5,440
CA, TN, & WV	:	8,971	8,899	9,350	9,648	9,421	9,299
1996 Total	:	134,071	136,164	134,710	134,806	*132,006	132,319
1995 Total	:	131,727	133,936	134,117	135,083	134,786	133,373
% of Prev Yr	:	102	102	100	100	98	99

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Down Slightly

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Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 132 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 6, 1996. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through April 6, 1996, were 3.04 billion, 2 percent above the 2.97 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 23	Mar 30	Apr 6

		1,000					
AL	:	24,039	23,528	23,992	24,117	23,135	24,015
AR	:	29,904	29,323	28,640	28,311	28,368	29,169
DE	:	4,590	4,600	4,244	4,303	4,159	4,285
FL	:	2,869	2,879	2,839	2,810	2,785	2,672
GA	:	28,938	29,056	*28,130	28,539	*28,262	28,651
MD	:	9,003	8,902	8,869	8,396	8,832	8,772
MS	:	15,254	15,298	*15,532	*15,632	16,122	15,917
NC	:	17,446	17,765	17,581	17,882	17,526	17,554
PA	:	3,322	3,234	3,411	3,133	3,238	3,318
SC	:	4,355	4,360	4,247	4,222	4,182	4,275
TX	:	11,346	11,312	*11,301	11,311	11,358	11,452
VA	:	6,447	6,317	6,379	6,368	*6,335	6,342
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,591	*10,006	9,443	9,453	*9,341	9,445
1996 Total	:	167,104	*166,580	*164,608	*164,477	*163,643	165,867
1995 Total	:	164,502	164,908	165,416	163,610	164,797	166,063
% of Prev Yr	:	102	101	100	101	99	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending						
	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 23	Mar 30	Apr 6	
		1,000					
AL	:	16,349	17,109	17,219	17,231	16,853	16,570
AR	:	23,242	23,644	24,636	23,159	22,871	22,737
DE	:	5,325	5,057	5,478	5,386	5,157	4,802
FL	:	2,608	2,445	2,904	2,368	2,575	2,705
GA	:	22,905	23,343	23,644	24,066	*23,756	22,634
MD	:	6,011	6,653	5,886	6,132	6,380	6,507
MS	:	12,879	13,293	13,323	13,600	13,447	12,976
NC	:	13,694	13,576	14,031	13,824	13,879	13,927
PA	:	2,410	2,545	2,578	2,564	2,526	2,543
SC	:	3,407	3,830	3,574	3,226	3,990	3,531
TX	:	*8,479	*8,408	*8,485	*8,483	*8,592	8,356
VA	:	5,621	5,197	5,507	5,321	*5,132	5,264
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,488	8,971	8,899	*9,350	*9,648	9,421
1996 Total	:	*132,418	*134,071	*136,164	*134,710	*134,806	131,973
1995 Total	:	129,257	131,414	133,814	133,954	134,995	134,826
% of Prev Yr	:	102	102	102	101	100	98

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Broiler Chicks Placed Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 135 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 30, 1996. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through March 30, 1996, were 2.91 billion, 3 percent above the 2.84 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 24	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 23	Mar 30
	1,000					
AL	24,424	24,039	23,528	23,992	24,117	23,135
AR	29,747	29,904	*29,323	28,640	28,311	28,368

DE	:	4,622	4,590	4,600	4,244	4,303	4,159
FL	:	2,907	2,869	2,879	2,839	2,810	2,785
GA	:	28,842	28,938	*29,056	28,726	*28,539	28,089
MD	:	*8,701	9,003	8,902	8,869	8,396	8,832
MS	:	15,173	15,254	*15,298	15,768	15,647	16,122
NC	:	18,009	17,446	17,765	17,581	17,882	17,526
PA	:	3,278	*3,322	3,234	3,411	3,133	3,238
SC	:	4,373	4,355	4,360	4,247	4,222	4,182
TX	:	11,364	11,346	11,312	11,075	*11,311	11,358
VA	:	6,629	6,447	6,317	6,379	*6,368	6,343
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,727	9,591	9,706	*9,443	9,453	9,347

1996 Total	:	*167,796	*167,104	*166,280	*165,214	*164,492	163,484

1995 Total	:	163,588	164,502	164,908	165,416	163,610	164,797

% of Prev Yr	:	103	102	101	100	101	99

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	:	Week Ending					
	:	Feb 24	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 23	Mar 30

:	:	1,000					

AL	:	17,482	16,349	17,109	17,219	17,231	16,853
AR	:	23,116	23,242	*23,644	*24,636	23,159	22,871
DE	:	5,177	5,325	5,057	5,478	5,386	5,157
FL	:	2,440	2,608	2,445	2,904	2,368	2,575
GA	:	23,154	22,905	*23,343	23,644	*24,066	23,490
MD	:	*5,984	*6,011	*6,653	*5,886	*6,132	6,380
MS	:	13,130	12,879	13,293	13,323	13,600	13,447
NC	:	13,479	13,694	13,576	14,031	13,824	13,879
PA	:	2,292	*2,410	2,545	2,578	2,564	2,526
SC	:	3,399	3,407	3,830	3,574	3,226	3,990
TX	:	8,343	8,452	8,381	8,458	8,456	8,565
VA	:	5,080	5,621	5,197	5,507	5,321	5,169
CA, TN, & WV	:	8,604	9,488	8,971	8,899	*9,349	9,604

1996 Total	:	*131,680	*132,391	*134,044	*136,137	*134,682	134,506

1995 Total	:	128,297	129,257	131,414	133,814	133,954	134,995

% of Prev Yr	:	103	102	102	102	101	100

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Broiler Chicks Placed Up Slightly

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 17	Feb 24	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 23
	1,000					
AL	24,179	*24,424	24,039	23,528	*23,992	24,117
AR	30,076	29,747	29,904	29,322	28,640	28,311
DE	4,617	4,622	4,590	4,600	*4,244	4,303
FL	2,903	2,907	2,869	2,879	*2,839	2,810
GA	29,063	28,842	*28,938	28,962	*28,726	28,533
MD	9,766	9,576	*9,003	*8,902	*8,869	8,396
MS	15,182	15,173	15,254	15,316	15,768	15,647
NC	18,008	18,009	17,446	17,765	17,581	17,882
PA	3,533	3,278	3,273	3,234	3,411	3,133
SC	4,383	4,373	4,355	4,360	4,247	4,222
TX	11,161	11,364	11,346	*11,312	*11,075	11,341
VA	6,759	6,629	6,447	6,317	6,379	6,367
CA, TN, & WV	*9,065	*9,727	*9,591	*9,706	*9,437	9,453
1996 Total	*168,695	*168,671	*167,055	*166,203	*165,208	164,515
1995 Total	162,677	163,588	164,502	164,908	165,416	163,610
% of Prev Yr	104	103	102	101	100	101

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 17	Feb 24	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 23
	1,000					
AL	17,273	17,482	16,349	17,109	*17,219	17,231
AR	23,461	23,116	23,242	23,574	24,586	23,159
DE	4,871	5,177	5,325	5,057	*5,478	5,386
FL	2,527	2,440	2,608	2,445	*2,904	2,368
GA	23,114	23,154	22,905	23,311	*23,644	24,010
MD	6,596	6,665	6,712	7,333	*6,582	6,130
MS	12,513	13,130	12,879	13,293	13,323	13,600
NC	13,506	13,479	13,694	13,576	14,031	13,824
PA	2,298	2,292	2,371	2,545	2,578	2,564
SC	3,479	3,399	3,407	3,830	3,574	3,226
TX	8,325	8,343	8,452	8,381	8,458	8,456
VA	5,582	5,080	5,621	5,197	*5,507	5,321
CA, TN, & WV	*8,164	*8,604	*9,488	*8,971	*8,899	9,337
1996 Total	*131,709	*132,361	*133,053	*134,622	*136,783	134,612
1995 Total	131,137	128,297	129,257	131,414	133,814	133,954
% of Prev Yr	100	103	103	102	102	100

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 166 million eggs during the week ending March 16, 1996. This was up slightly 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 137 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 16, 1996. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through March 16, 1996, were 2.65 billion, 3 percent above the 2.57 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 10	Feb 17	Feb 24	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16

		1,000					
AL	:	22,924	24,179	24,324	24,039	23,528	23,994
AR	:	30,297	30,076	*29,747	*29,904	*29,322	28,640
DE	:	4,621	4,617	4,622	4,590	4,600	4,240
FL	:	2,898	2,903	2,907	2,869	2,879	2,789
GA	:	28,456	29,063	28,842	28,807	*28,962	28,589
MD	:	9,660	9,766	9,576	9,878	9,777	9,744
MS	:	15,101	15,182	15,173	15,254	15,316	15,768
NC	:	17,580	18,008	*18,009	17,446	17,765	17,581
PA	:	3,078	3,533	3,278	3,273	*3,234	3,411
SC	:	4,377	4,383	4,373	4,355	4,360	4,247
TX	:	11,432	11,161	11,364	11,346	11,243	11,353
VA	:	6,650	6,759	6,629	6,447	6,317	6,379
CA, TN, & WV	:	10,048	9,057	9,718	9,583	9,668	9,421
1996 Total	:	167,122	168,687	*168,562	*167,791	*166,971	166,156
1995 Total	:	158,918	162,677	163,588	164,502	164,908	165,416
% of Prev Yr	:	105	104	103	102	101	100

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending						
	Feb 10	Feb 17	Feb 24	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16	
		1,000					
AL	:	17,168	17,273	17,482	16,349	17,109	17,213
AR	:	23,232	23,461	*23,116	*23,242	*23,574	24,586
DE	:	5,746	4,871	5,177	5,325	5,057	5,431
FL	:	2,463	2,527	2,440	2,608	2,445	2,884
GA	:	23,624	23,114	23,154	*22,905	*23,311	23,664
MD	:	6,358	6,596	6,665	6,712	7,333	6,601
MS	:	12,883	12,513	13,130	12,879	13,293	13,323
NC	:	14,016	13,506	13,479	13,694	13,576	14,031
PA	:	2,592	2,298	2,292	2,371	*2,545	2,578
SC	:	3,496	3,479	3,399	*3,407	3,830	3,574
TX	:	8,304	8,325	8,343	8,452	8,381	8,458
VA	:	5,087	5,582	5,080	5,621	5,197	5,543
CA, TN, & WV	:	8,832	8,160	8,605	9,498	8,967	8,847
1996 Total	:	133,801	131,705	*132,362	*133,063	*134,618	136,733
1995 Total	:	130,025	131,137	128,297	129,257	131,414	133,814
% of Prev Yr	:	103	100	103	103	102	102

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 167 million eggs during the week ending March 9, 1996. This was up 1 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 135 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 9, 1996. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through March 9, 1996, were 2.51 billion, 3 percent above the 2.44 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 3	Feb 10	Feb 17	Feb 24	Mar 2	Mar 9
	1,000					
AL	23,736	22,924	*24,179	24,324	24,039	23,528
AR	30,378	30,297	30,076	29,751	30,139	29,479
DE	4,664	4,621	4,617	4,622	4,590	4,600

FL	:	2,928	2,898	2,903	2,907	2,869	2,879
GA	:	28,487	28,456	29,063	28,842	*28,807	29,008
MD	:	9,368	9,660	9,766	9,576	9,878	9,777
MS	:	15,593	15,101	15,182	15,173	15,254	15,316
NC	:	16,699	17,580	*18,008	17,856	17,446	17,765
PA	:	2,846	3,078	3,533	3,278	3,273	3,272
SC	:	4,364	4,377	4,383	4,373	4,355	4,360
TX	:	11,384	11,432	11,161	*11,364	*11,346	11,243
VA	:	6,610	6,650	6,759	6,629	6,447	6,317
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,059	10,048	9,057	9,718	9,583	9,668

1996 Total	:	166,116	167,122	*168,687	*168,413	*168,026	167,212

1995 Total	:	155,687	158,918	162,677	163,588	164,502	164,908

% of Prev Yr	:	107	105	104	103	102	101

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	:	Week Ending					
		Feb 3	Feb 10	Feb 17	Feb 24	Mar 2	Mar 9
	:	1,000					
AL	:	16,817	17,168	17,273	17,482	*16,349	17,109
AR	:	22,897	23,232	23,461	23,102	23,278	23,592
DE	:	4,797	5,746	4,871	5,177	5,325	5,057
FL	:	2,734	2,463	2,527	2,440	2,608	2,445
GA	:	24,016	23,624	23,114	23,154	*22,425	23,375
MD	:	7,232	6,358	6,596	*6,665	*6,712	7,333
MS	:	13,239	12,883	12,513	13,130	12,879	13,293
NC	:	13,549	14,016	13,506	13,479	13,694	13,576
PA	:	2,457	2,592	2,298	2,292	2,371	2,555
SC	:	3,598	3,496	3,479	3,399	3,180	3,830
TX	:	*8,711	*8,304	*8,325	*8,343	8,452	8,381
VA	:	5,029	5,087	5,582	5,080	5,621	5,197
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,243	8,832	8,160	8,605	*9,498	8,967

1996 Total	:	*134,319	*133,801	*131,705	*132,348	*132,392	134,710

1995 Total	:	130,416	130,025	131,137	128,297	129,257	131,414

% of Prev Yr	:	103	103	100	103	102	103

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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 168 million eggs during the week ending March 2, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 133 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 2, 1996. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through March 2, 1996, were 2.37 billion, 3 percent above the 2.30 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending
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: Jan 27 : Feb 3 : Feb 10 : Feb 17 : Feb 24 : Mar 2

: 1,000

AL	: 23,758	23,736	22,924	24,189	24,324	24,039
AR	: 30,622	30,378	30,297	30,076	29,751	30,139
DE	: 4,262	4,664	4,621	4,617	4,622	4,590
FL	: 2,909	2,928	2,898	2,903	2,907	2,869
GA	: 28,524	28,487	28,456	29,063	*28,842	28,820
MD	: 9,743	9,368	9,660	9,766	9,576	9,878
MS	: 15,173	15,593	15,101	15,182	15,173	15,254
NC	: 17,458	16,699	*17,580	18,210	17,856	17,446
PA	: 2,902	2,846	3,078	*3,533	*3,278	3,273
SC	: 4,325	4,364	4,377	4,383	4,373	4,355
TX	: 11,007	*11,384	11,432	11,161	11,336	11,353
VA	: 6,290	6,610	6,650	6,759	6,629	6,447
CA, TN, & WV	: 8,260	9,059	10,048	9,057	9,718	9,583

1996 Total : 165,233 *166,116 *167,122 *168,899 *168,385 168,046

1995 Total : 160,462 155,687 158,918 162,677 163,588 164,502

% of Prev Yr : 103 107 105 104 103 102

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

Week Ending

State

: Jan 27 : Feb 3 : Feb 10 : Feb 17 : Feb 24 : Mar 2

: 1,000

AL	: 17,560	16,817	17,168	17,273	17,482	16,162
AR	: 23,238	22,897	23,232	23,461	23,102	23,278
DE	: 5,213	4,797	5,746	4,871	5,177	5,325
FL	: 2,492	2,734	2,463	2,527	2,440	2,608
GA	: 24,085	24,016	23,624	23,114	*23,154	23,001
MD	: 6,149	7,232	6,358	6,596	6,666	6,682
MS	: 13,324	13,239	12,883	12,513	13,130	12,879
NC	: 14,239	13,549	14,016	13,506	13,479	13,694
PA	: 2,595	2,457	2,592	*2,298	*2,292	2,371
SC	: 3,198	3,598	3,496	3,479	3,399	3,180
TX	: 8,508	8,706	8,299	8,321	8,329	8,452
VA	: 4,928	5,029	5,087	5,582	5,080	5,621
CA, TN, & WV	: 9,364	9,243	8,832	8,160	8,605	9,791

1996 Total : 134,893 134,314 133,796 *131,701 *132,335 133,044

1995 Total : 131,895 130,416 130,025 131,137 128,297 129,257

% of Prev Yr : 102 103 103 100 103 103

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 169 million eggs during the week ending February 24, 1996. This was up 3 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 132 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 24, 1996. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through February 24, 1996, were 2.24 billion, 3 percent above the 2.17 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending
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: Jan 20 : Jan 27 : Feb 3 : Feb 10 : Feb 17 : Feb 24

: 1,000

AL	: 23,931	23,758	23,736	22,924	24,189	24,324
AR	: *30,555	*30,622	*30,378	*30,297	30,076	29,751
DE	: 4,556	4,262	4,664	4,621	4,617	4,622
FL	: 2,904	2,909	2,928	2,898	*2,903	2,907
GA	: 28,910	28,524	*28,487	28,456	*29,063	28,833
MD	: 9,592	9,743	9,368	9,660	9,766	9,576
MS	: 15,468	15,173	15,593	15,101	15,182	15,173
NC	: 18,015	17,458	16,699	17,893	18,210	17,856
PA	: 3,227	2,902	2,846	3,078	*3,180	3,533
SC	: 4,335	4,325	4,364	4,377	4,383	4,373
TX	: 11,366	11,007	11,296	11,432	*11,161	11,336
VA	: 6,507	6,290	6,610	6,650	*6,759	6,629
CA, TN, & WV	: 9,169	8,260	*9,059	10,048	*9,057	9,718

1996 Total : *168,535 *165,233 *166,028 *167,435 *168,546 168,631

1995 Total : 160,593 160,462 155,687 158,918 162,677 163,588

% of Prev Yr : 105 103 107 105 104 103

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

Week Ending

State

: Jan 20 : Jan 27 : Feb 3 : Feb 10 : Feb 17 : Feb 24

: 1,000

AL	: 16,870	17,560	16,817	17,168	17,273	17,482
AR	: 24,705	*23,238	*22,897	*23,232	23,461	23,102
DE	: 5,804	5,213	4,797	5,746	4,871	5,177
FL	: 2,871	2,492	2,734	2,463	2,527	2,440
GA	: 23,650	24,085	24,016	*23,624	23,114	23,128
MD	: 5,534	6,149	7,232	6,358	6,596	6,666
MS	: 13,113	13,324	13,239	12,883	12,513	13,130
NC	: 13,646	14,239	13,549	14,016	13,506	13,479
PA	: 2,455	2,595	2,457	2,592	*2,300	2,298
SC	: 3,818	3,198	3,598	3,496	3,479	3,399
TX	: 8,583	8,508	8,706	8,299	8,321	8,329
VA	: 5,123	4,928	5,029	5,087	*5,582	5,080
CA, TN, & WV	: 9,114	9,364	9,243	8,832	*8,160	8,605

1996 Total : 135,286 *134,893 *134,314 *133,796 *131,703 132,315

1995 Total : 130,176 131,895 130,416 130,025 131,137 128,297

% of Prev Yr : 104 102 103 103 100 103

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 169 million eggs during the week ending February 17, 1996. This was up 4 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 132 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 17, 1996. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through February 17, 1996, were 2.11 billion, 3 percent above the 2.05 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27	Feb 3	Feb 10	Feb 17
	1,000					
AL	24,262	23,931	*23,758	23,736	22,924	24,189
AR	29,827	30,040	30,130	30,462	30,248	30,076

DE	:	4,426	4,556	4,262	4,664	4,621	4,617
FL	:	2,888	2,904	2,909	2,928	2,898	2,953
GA	:	28,931	28,910	*28,524	28,781	*28,456	29,091
MD	:	9,407	9,592	9,743	9,368	9,660	9,766
MS	:	15,378	15,468	15,173	15,593	15,101	15,182
NC	:	17,675	18,015	17,458	16,699	17,893	18,210
PA	:	3,037	3,227	2,902	2,846	*3,078	3,217
SC	:	4,307	4,335	4,325	4,364	4,377	4,383
TX	:	11,526	11,366	11,007	11,296	11,432	11,303
VA	:	6,401	6,507	6,290	6,610	6,650	6,668
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,264	9,169	8,260	8,942	10,048	9,590

1996 Total	:	167,329	168,020	*164,741	166,289	*167,386	169,245

1995 Total	:	160,672	160,593	160,462	155,687	158,918	162,677

% of Prev Yr	:	104	105	103	107	105	104

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 Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27	Feb 3	Feb 10	Feb 17

	1,000					
AL	17,462	16,870	17,560	16,817	17,168	17,273
AR	23,814	24,705	23,253	22,906	23,278	23,461
DE	5,386	5,804	5,213	4,797	5,746	4,871
FL	2,633	2,871	2,492	2,734	2,463	2,527
GA	23,684	23,650	*24,085	24,016	*23,632	23,114
MD	6,379	5,534	6,149	7,232	6,358	6,596
MS	13,148	13,113	13,324	13,239	12,883	12,513
NC	13,624	13,646	14,239	13,549	14,016	13,506
PA	2,434	2,455	2,595	2,457	*2,592	2,302
SC	3,274	3,818	3,198	3,598	3,496	3,479
TX	8,645	8,583	8,508	8,706	8,299	8,321
VA	5,292	5,123	4,928	5,029	5,087	5,576
CA, TN, & WV	8,867	9,114	9,364	9,243	8,832	8,186

1996 Total	134,642	135,286	*134,908	134,323	*133,850	131,725

1995 Total	129,784	130,176	131,895	130,416	130,025	131,137

% of Prev Yr	104	104	102	103	103	100

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up 5 Percent

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Broiler Chicks Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 10, 1996. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through February 10, 1996, were 1.98 billion, 3 percent above the 1.91 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 6	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27	Feb 3	Feb 10
	1,000					

AL	:	24,214	24,262	23,931	23,755	*23,736	22,924
AR	:	29,666	29,827	30,040	30,130	*30,462	30,248
DE	:	4,372	4,426	4,556	4,262	4,664	4,621
FL	:	2,873	2,888	2,904	2,909	2,928	2,898
GA	:	28,945	28,931	28,910	28,424	*28,781	28,508
MD	:	8,764	9,407	9,592	9,743	9,368	9,660
MS	:	15,639	15,378	15,468	15,173	*15,593	15,101
NC	:	18,508	*17,675	18,015	17,458	16,699	17,893
PA	:	3,249	3,037	3,227	2,902	2,846	3,055
SC	:	4,337	4,307	4,335	4,325	4,364	4,377
TX	:	11,461	*11,526	11,366	11,007	*11,296	11,432
VA	:	6,399	6,401	6,507	6,290	*6,610	6,650
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,754	9,264	9,169	8,260	8,942	10,048

1996 Total	:	168,181	*167,329	168,020	164,638	*166,289	167,415

1995 Total	:	161,853	160,672	160,593	160,462	155,687	158,918

% of Prev Yr	:	104	104	105	103	107	105

HDR2012000150090214961500BROILER CHICKS PLACED IN 15 SELECTED STATES
 Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 6	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27	Feb 3	Feb 10

	1,000					
AL	17,251	17,462	16,870	17,560	*16,817	17,168
AR	23,357	23,814	24,705	23,253	*22,906	23,278
DE	5,144	5,386	5,804	5,213	4,797	5,746
FL	2,628	2,633	2,871	2,492	2,734	2,463
GA	23,696	23,684	23,650	24,141	*24,016	23,653
MD	6,404	6,379	5,534	6,149	7,232	6,358
MS	13,544	13,148	13,113	13,324	*13,239	12,883
NC	14,056	13,624	13,646	14,239	13,549	14,016
PA	2,361	2,434	2,455	2,595	2,457	2,752
SC	3,769	3,274	3,818	3,198	3,598	3,496
TX	8,734	8,645	8,583	8,508	8,706	8,299
VA	5,127	5,292	5,123	4,928	*5,029	5,087
CA, TN, & WV	9,118	8,867	9,114	9,364	*9,243	8,832

1996 Total	135,189	134,642	135,286	134,964	*134,323	134,031

1995 Total	130,282	129,784	130,176	131,895	130,416	130,025

% of Prev Yr	104	104	104	102	103	103

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up 6 Percent

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Broiler Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 3, 1996. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through February 3, 1996, were 1.84 billion, 3 percent above the 1.78 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending 1/					
	Dec 30	Jan 6	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27	Feb 3
	1,000					
AL	23,920	24,214	*24,262	23,931	23,755	23,758
AR	30,062	*29,666	*29,827	*30,040	30,130	29,947

DE	:	4,445	4,372	4,426	4,556	4,262	4,664
FL	:	2,935	2,873	2,888	2,904	2,909	2,928
GA	:	28,974	28,945	28,931	28,910	*28,424	28,703
MD	:	8,734	8,764	9,407	9,592	*9,743	9,368
MS	:	15,379	15,639	15,378	15,468	15,173	15,683
NC	:	18,001	18,508	*17,620	18,015	17,458	16,699
PA	:	3,096	3,249	3,037	3,227	*2,902	2,846
SC	:	4,366	4,337	4,307	4,335	4,325	4,364
TX	:	11,396	11,461	*11,342	11,366	11,007	11,324
VA	:	6,432	6,399	6,401	6,507	6,290	6,547
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,022	9,754	*9,264	*9,169	*8,260	8,942

1996 Total	:	166,762	*168,181	*167,090	*168,020	*164,638	165,773

1995 Total	:	161,051	161,853	160,672	160,593	160,462	155,687

% of Prev Yr	:	104	104	104	105	103	106

HDR2012000150090207961500BROILER CHICKS PLACED IN 15 SELECTED STATES
 Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	:	Week Ending 1/					
	:	Dec 30	Jan 6	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27	Feb 3

:	:	1,000					
:	:						
AL	:	17,990	17,251	17,462	16,870	17,560	16,908
AR	:	23,382	23,357	23,814	24,705	23,253	22,370
DE	:	4,932	5,144	5,386	5,804	5,213	4,797
FL	:	2,668	2,628	2,633	2,871	2,492	2,734
GA	:	23,399	23,696	23,684	23,650	*24,141	23,724
MD	:	6,223	6,404	6,379	5,534	6,149	7,232
MS	:	*13,114	*13,544	*13,148	*13,113	*13,324	13,257
NC	:	13,125	14,056	13,624	13,646	14,239	13,549
PA	:	*2,504	*2,361	*2,434	*2,455	*2,595	2,457
SC	:	3,331	3,769	3,274	3,818	3,198	3,598
TX	:	8,581	*8,734	8,645	8,583	8,508	8,706
VA	:	5,117	5,127	5,292	5,123	4,928	4,914
CA, TN, & WV	:	8,065	9,118	8,867	9,114	9,364	9,383

1996 Total	:	*132,431	*135,189	*134,642	*135,286	*134,964	133,629

1995 Total	:	131,166	130,282	129,784	130,176	131,895	130,416

% of Prev Yr	:	101	104	104	104	102	102

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
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Broiler Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 135 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 27, 1996. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through January 27, 1996, were 1.71 billion, 3 percent above the 1.65 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending 1/					
	Dec 23	Dec 30	Jan 6	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27
	1,000					
AL	24,158	23,920	24,214	24,302	*23,931	23,755
AR	29,789	*30,062	*29,738	*29,895	*30,112	30,130
DE	4,656	4,445	4,372	4,426	4,556	4,262
FL	2,977	2,935	2,873	2,888	2,904	2,909
GA	28,687	*28,974	*28,945	*28,931	*28,910	28,396
MD	8,740	8,734	8,764	9,407	9,592	9,652
MS	15,142	*15,379	15,639	15,378	15,468	15,173
NC	17,749	*18,001	*18,508	17,656	*18,015	17,458
PA	3,095	3,096	3,249	3,037	*3,227	3,006
SC	4,364	4,366	4,337	4,307	4,335	4,325
TX	11,659	11,396	*11,461	*11,322	*11,366	11,007
VA	6,414	6,432	6,399	*6,401	6,507	6,290
CA, TN, & WV	9,192	9,022	9,754	9,262	9,167	8,258
1996 Total	166,622	*166,762	*168,253	*167,212	*168,090	164,621
1995 Total	159,686	161,051	161,853	160,672	160,593	160,462
% of Prev Yr	104	104	104	104	105	103

HDR2012000150090131961500BROILER CHICKS PLACED IN 15 SELECTED STATES

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending 1/					
	Dec 23	Dec 30	Jan 6	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27
	1,000					
AL	18,205	17,990	17,251	17,462	*16,870	17,560
AR	21,624	23,382	*23,357	*23,814	*24,705	23,253
DE	5,710	4,932	5,144	5,386	5,804	5,213
FL	2,621	2,668	2,628	2,633	2,871	2,492
GA	23,169	23,399	*23,696	*23,684	*23,650	24,136
MD	5,631	6,223	6,404	6,379	5,534	6,149
MS	13,117	13,189	13,618	*13,173	13,163	13,374
NC	14,025	13,125	14,056	13,624	*13,646	14,239
PA	*2,616	2,467	*2,331	*2,403	*2,424	2,560
SC	3,867	3,331	3,769	3,274	3,818	3,198
TX	8,701	8,581	8,733	8,645	8,583	8,508
VA	5,404	5,117	5,127	*5,292	5,123	4,928
CA, TN, & WV	9,414	8,065	9,118	8,867	9,114	9,364
1996 Total	*134,104	132,469	*135,232	*134,636	*135,305	134,974
1995 Total	130,720	131,166	130,282	129,784	130,176	131,895
% of Prev Yr	103	101	104	104	104	102

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Broiler Chicks Placed Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 135 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 20, 1996. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through January 20, 1996, were 1.57 billion, 3 percent above the 1.52 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending 1/					
	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30	Jan 6	Jan 13	Jan 20
	1,000					
AL	24,063	24,158	*23,920	24,214	24,302	23,946
AR	29,845	29,789	30,047	29,772	29,912	30,085
DE	4,651	4,656	4,445	4,372	*4,426	4,556
FL	3,003	2,977	2,935	2,873	2,888	2,904
GA	28,964	28,687	*28,927	28,906	*28,898	28,847
MD	8,718	8,740	8,734	8,764	*9,407	9,592
MS	15,423	15,142	15,347	15,639	15,378	15,468
NC	*17,576	*17,749	*17,988	18,420	17,656	17,961
PA	3,182	3,095	3,096	*3,249	*3,037	3,289
SC	4,374	4,364	4,366	4,337	4,307	4,335
TX	11,649	11,659	11,396	11,350	11,334	11,352
VA	6,431	6,414	6,432	6,399	6,420	6,507
CA, TN, & WV	*9,357	*9,192	*9,022	*9,754	*9,262	9,167
1996 Total	*167,236	*166,622	*166,655	*168,049	*167,227	168,009
1995 Total	159,833	159,686	161,051	161,853	160,672	160,593
% of Prev Yr	105	104	103	104	104	105

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending 1/					
	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30	Jan 6	Jan 13	Jan 20
	1,000					
AL	18,249	18,205	17,990	17,251	17,462	16,881
AR	23,106	21,624	23,382	23,342	23,820	24,710
DE	4,853	5,710	4,932	5,144	*5,386	5,804
FL	2,606	2,621	2,668	2,628	2,633	2,871
GA	23,583	23,169	23,399	23,615	*23,635	23,660
MD	6,378	5,631	6,223	6,404	*6,379	5,534
MS	13,285	13,117	13,189	13,618	13,130	13,163
NC	*13,651	*14,025	*13,125	*14,056	*13,624	13,661
PA	2,672	2,653	2,467	*2,361	*2,434	2,456
SC	3,928	3,867	3,331	3,769	*3,274	3,818
TX	8,621	8,701	8,581	8,733	8,645	8,583
VA	5,520	5,404	5,117	5,127	5,348	5,123
CA, TN, & WV	*8,782	*9,414	*8,065	*9,118	*8,867	9,114
1996 Total	*135,234	*134,141	*132,469	*135,166	*134,637	135,378
1995 Total	130,998	130,720	131,166	130,282	129,784	130,176
% of Prev Yr	103	103	101	104	104	104

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Up 4 Percent

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Broiler Chicks Placed Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 135 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 13, 1996. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1994. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through January 13, 1996, were 1.44 billion, 3 percent above the 1.39 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

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Week Ending 1/

State	Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30	Jan 6	Jan 13
	1,000					
AL	24,674	24,063	24,158	23,820	24,214	24,302
AR	*29,503	*29,845	*29,789	*30,047	29,772	29,912
DE	4,024	4,651	4,656	4,445	*4,372	4,419
FL	2,866	3,003	2,977	2,935	2,873	2,888
GA	28,341	28,964	*28,687	28,737	*28,906	28,910
MD	8,664	8,718	8,740	8,734	*8,764	8,682
MS	15,552	15,423	15,142	15,347	15,639	15,378
NC	17,413	*18,293	17,465	17,936	18,420	17,656
PA	3,492	3,182	3,095	*3,096	3,417	3,311
SC	4,327	4,374	4,364	4,366	4,337	4,307
TX	11,423	11,649	11,659	11,396	11,350	11,334
VA	6,497	6,431	6,414	6,432	*6,399	6,420
CA, TN, & WV	8,422	9,359	*9,193	*9,026	9,776	9,294
1996 Total	*165,198	*167,955	*166,339	*166,317	*168,239	166,813
1995 Total	159,861	159,833	159,686	161,051	161,853	160,672
% of Prev Yr	103	105	104	103	104	104

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30	Jan 6	Jan 13
	1,000					
AL	17,108	18,249	18,205	17,990	17,251	17,462
AR	*22,951	*23,106	*21,624	*23,382	23,342	23,820
DE	6,074	4,853	5,710	4,932	*5,144	5,325
FL	2,716	2,606	2,621	2,668	2,628	2,633
GA	23,018	23,583	23,169	*23,399	*23,615	23,374
MD	5,362	6,378	5,631	6,223	*6,404	6,298
MS	13,320	13,285	13,117	13,189	13,618	13,130
NC	14,097	13,618	14,144	13,208	14,862	13,652
PA	2,501	2,672	2,653	*2,467	2,384	2,400
SC	3,344	3,928	3,867	3,331	3,769	3,606
TX	8,680	8,621	8,701	8,581	8,733	8,645
VA	5,400	5,520	*5,404	5,117	*5,127	5,348
CA, TN, & WV	9,514	8,776	*9,409	*8,063	*9,113	8,861
1996 Total	*134,085	*135,195	*134,255	*132,550	*135,990	134,554
1995 Total	129,542	130,998	130,720	131,166	130,282	129,784
% of Prev Yr	104	103	103	101	104	104

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Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 168 million eggs during the week ending January 6, 1996. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 136 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 6, 1996. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1995. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through January 6, 1996, were 1.30 billion, 3 percent above the 1.26 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending 1/					
	Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30	Jan 6
	1,000					
AL	24,695	24,674	24,063	24,158	*23,820	24,214
AR	29,993	29,683	29,769	29,840	29,862	29,772
DE	4,678	4,024	4,651	4,656	4,445	4,430
FL	2,861	2,866	3,003	2,977	2,935	2,873
GA	29,123	28,341	*28,964	28,337	*28,737	28,903
MD	8,748	8,664	8,718	8,740	8,734	8,757
MS	15,553	15,552	15,423	15,142	15,347	15,639
NC	18,449	17,413	17,968	17,465	17,936	18,420
PA	3,485	3,492	3,182	3,095	3,271	3,417
SC	4,355	4,327	4,374	4,364	4,366	4,337
TX	11,739	11,423	11,649	11,659	11,396	11,350
VA	6,559	6,497	6,431	6,414	*6,432	6,413
CA, TN, & WV	9,749	8,422	*9,359	*9,219	*9,052	9,776
1996 Total	169,987	165,378	*167,554	*166,066	*166,333	168,301
1995 Total	161,332	159,861	159,833	159,686	161,051	161,853
% of Prev Yr	105	103	105	104	103	104

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending 1/					
	Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30	Jan 6
	1,000					
AL	17,704	17,108	18,249	18,205	*17,990	17,251
AR	24,312	22,931	23,066	21,620	23,442	23,342
DE	5,133	6,074	4,853	5,710	4,932	5,148
FL	2,754	2,716	2,606	2,621	2,668	2,628
GA	23,231	23,018	23,583	23,169	*23,186	23,666
MD	6,022	5,362	6,378	5,631	6,223	6,510
MS	13,206	13,320	13,285	13,117	13,189	13,618
NC	13,442	14,097	13,618	14,144	13,208	14,862
PA	2,605	2,501	2,672	2,653	2,610	2,384
SC	3,353	3,344	3,928	3,867	3,331	3,769
TX	*8,512	*8,680	*8,621	*8,701	*8,581	8,733
VA	5,434	5,400	5,520	5,437	*5,117	5,036

CA, TN, & WV	:	9,477	9,514	8,776	*9,410	*8,065	9,144

1996 Total	:	*135,185	*134,065	*135,155	*134,285	*132,542	136,091

1995 Total	:	129,461	129,542	130,998	130,720	131,166	130,282

% of Prev Yr	:	104	103	103	103	101	104

* Revised. 1/ Previous year except January.

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States
Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 166 million eggs during the week ending December 30, 1995. This was up 3 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 133 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 30, 1995. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1994. Cumulative placements from October 29, 1995, through December 30, 1995, were 1.17 billion, 3 percent above the 1.13 billion placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 25	Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30
	1,000					
AL	24,672	24,695	24,674	24,063	24,158	23,827
AR	30,111	29,993	29,683	29,769	29,840	29,862
DE	4,634	4,678	4,024	4,651	*4,656	4,445

FL	:	3,045	2,861	2,866	3,003	2,977	2,935
GA	:	28,990	29,123	28,341	29,077	*28,337	28,739
MD	:	8,644	8,748	8,664	8,718	*8,740	8,734
MS	:	15,516	15,553	15,552	15,423	15,142	15,347
NC	:	18,228	18,449	17,413	17,968	17,465	17,936
PA	:	3,476	3,485	3,492	3,182	3,095	3,271
SC	:	4,378	4,355	4,327	4,374	4,364	4,366
TX	:	11,631	11,739	11,423	11,649	*11,659	11,396
VA	:	6,602	6,559	6,497	6,431	6,414	6,416
CA, TN, & WV	:	9,428	9,749	8,422	9,384	9,566	8,976

1995 Total	:	169,355	169,987	165,378	167,692	*166,413	166,250

1994 Total	:	161,085	161,332	159,861	159,833	159,686	161,051

% of Prev Yr	:	105	105	103	105	104	103

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 Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 25	Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30

	1,000					
AL	16,156	17,704	17,108	18,249	*18,205	17,989
AR	21,442	24,312	22,931	23,066	21,620	23,442
DE	5,124	5,133	6,074	4,853	*5,710	4,932
FL	2,219	2,754	2,716	2,606	2,621	2,668
GA	21,458	23,231	23,018	23,583	*23,169	23,158
MD	5,631	6,022	5,362	6,378	*5,631	6,223
MS	11,923	13,206	13,320	13,285	13,117	13,189
NC	13,931	13,442	14,097	13,618	14,144	13,208
PA	2,494	2,605	2,501	2,672	2,653	2,610
SC	2,952	3,353	3,344	3,928	3,867	3,331
TX	8,354	8,514	8,682	8,623	*8,703	8,583
VA	4,844	5,434	5,400	5,520	5,437	5,126
CA, TN, & WV	9,381	9,477	9,514	8,776	9,429	8,066

1995 Total	125,909	135,187	134,067	135,157	*134,306	132,525

1994 Total	123,291	129,461	129,542	130,998	130,720	131,166

% of Prev Yr	102	104	103	103	103	101

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