

Broiler Hatchery



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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 143 million eggs during the week ending December 28, 1991. This was 5 percent above the 136 million 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 112 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 28, 1991. Placements were 4 percent above placements for the comparable week in 1990. Cumulative placements from November 3, 1991, through December 28, 1991, were 867 million, 3 percent above the 838 million placed during the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 28
	Thousands					
AL	24,180	24,338	*24,093	23,676	24,089	24,096
AR	26,320	25,259	26,004	26,199	26,367	26,835
DE	4,255	4,251	3,735	4,218	4,147	4,219
FL	3,533	3,614	*3,377	*3,368	*3,467	3,305
GA	21,623	21,005	*20,684	21,673	21,664	21,476
MD	9,148	9,224	8,972	9,136	*9,129	9,265
MS	10,931	10,924	10,949	10,856	10,759	10,788
NC	14,756	14,706	13,921	13,823	14,262	14,245
PA	3,555	3,565	3,521	3,316	3,293	3,226
SC	2,293	2,384	2,380	2,371	*2,356	2,351
TX	9,846	9,865	9,923	9,763	10,000	9,967
VA	4,951	4,876	4,953	4,931	4,879	4,910
CA, TN, & WV	8,157	7,658	7,228	8,067	7,667	8,288
1991 Total	143,548	141,669	*139,740	*141,397	*142,079	142,971
1990 Total	137,716	138,493	133,615	134,848	137,078	136,475
% of Prev Yr	104	102	105	105	104	105

Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 28
	Thousands					
AL	16,407	17,916	17,810	17,719	18,002	17,895
AR	17,103	18,505	18,026	19,848	*19,320	19,463
DE	4,841	5,193	4,909	5,087	*5,275	5,212
FL	2,422	2,702	2,474	2,555	2,781	2,480
GA	16,894	17,691	*17,365	17,820	17,240	17,334
MD	6,133	5,369	5,137	5,670	*5,728	5,168
MS	8,754	9,533	9,691	9,709	9,588	9,449
NC	10,656	10,871	10,890	11,329	11,223	11,158
PA	2,406	2,444	2,503	2,440	2,490	2,400
SC	1,926	2,145	2,159	2,094	*2,151	2,169
TX	7,188	7,249	7,292	7,362	7,535	7,446
VA	4,521	4,848	4,821	4,841	*4,704	4,715
CA, TN, & WV	7,988	8,243	8,331	7,873	7,065	6,746
1991 Total	107,239	112,709	*111,408	114,347	*113,102	111,635
1990 Total	104,754	109,115	110,426	109,642	110,068	107,098
% of Prev Yr	102	103	101	104	103	104

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