

HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS

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Domestic placements of pullet chicks for broiler hatchery supply flocks by leading primary breeders totaled 3,300,000 during November 1969, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 5 percent more than domestic placements in November 1968. Total placements (domestic plus exports) were reported at 3,846,000 compared with 3,592,000 a year earlier. Domestic placements of pullet chicks during January through November were 35,847,000, an increase of 6 percent from the same period last year.

The placement data include pullet chicks sold during the month, plus the number of pullet chicks expected from eggs sold during the preceding month. The primary breeders included in this report account for a very large percentage of total supply of replacement pullets for broiler hatchery supply flocks. Sales of replacement pullets by these breeders provide an indication of the potential number of pullets available for addition to hatchery egg supply flocks several months before the pullets will actually move into the flocks.

Pullet Chick Placements for Broiler Hatchery Supply Flocks ^{1/}

Month	Total			Domestic			:1969 as % : of 1968
	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969	
	Thousands						Percent
January	3,094	2,886	3,429	2,649	2,488	2,959	119
February	3,450	3,220	3,410	2,947	2,800	2,806	100
March	4,112	3,883	4,197	3,650	3,329	3,578	107
April	4,037	4,253	4,004	3,504	3,695	3,493	95
May	3,688	3,621	4,593	3,364	3,017	4,046	134
June	3,984	4,042	3,844	3,620	3,555	3,409	96
July	2,971	3,242	3,409	2,673	2,856	3,026	106
August	3,047	3,274	3,418	2,704	2,811	3,060	109
September	3,453	3,522	3,391	3,041	3,118	2,933	94
October	3,090	3,414	3,678	2,632	2,955	2/3,237	110
November	3,416	3,592	3,846	2,959	3,152	3,300	105
December	3,085	3,611		2,749	3,148		
Annual Total	41,427	42,560		36,492	36,924		

^{1/} (Reported by leading breeders) Includes expected pullet replacements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs. ^{2/} Revised.

This is the final issue of "Pullet Chicks for Broiler Hatchery Supply Flocks." Beginning in January 1970, the number of pullet chicks for broiler hatchery supply flocks will be included in a new publication, "Eggs, Chickens, and Turkeys". The new publication will be released about the 15th of each month and mailed to those now receiving this report.

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