PULLET CHICKS FOR BROILER
HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS
May 1966

June 15, 1966

Domestic placements of pullet chicks for broiler hatchery supply flocks by leading primary breeders totaled 3,787,000 during May 1966, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 13 percent more than domestic placements of chicks in May 1965. Total placements (domestic plus exports) were reported at 4,309,000 compared with 3,949,00 a year earlier. Domestic placements of pullet chicks by leading primary breeders for January through May totaled 17,163,000, an increase of 10 percent from 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/
(Reported by leading breeders)

| Month | Total | | Domestic | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1965 | 1966 | 1965 | 1966 | 1966 as pct. of 1965 |
| | Thou. | Thou. | Thou. | Thou. | Percent |
| January | 2,606 | 3,076 | 2,105 | 2,623 | 125 |
| February | 3,190 | 3,372 | 2,730 | 2,990 | 110 |
| March | 3,967 | 4,302 | 3,448 | 3,843 | 111 |
| April | 4,417 | 4,420 | 3,893 | 3,920 | 101 |
| May | 3,949 | 4,309 | 3,363 | 3,787 | 113 |
| June | 3,333 | | 2,810 | | |
| July | 3,120 | | 2,687 | | |
| August | 2,798 | | 2,429 | | |
| September | 2,948 | | 2,483 | | |
| October | 3,027 | | 2,607 | | |
| November | 3,076 | | 2,580 | | |
| December | 3,186 | | 2,757 | | |
| Annual Total | 39,617 | | 33,892 | | |

1/ Includes expected pullet replacements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs.

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