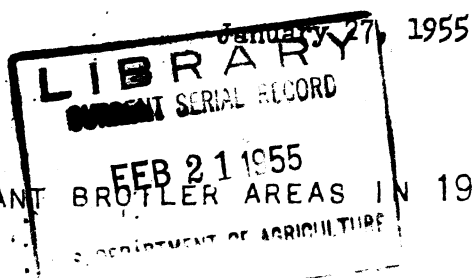


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X CHICKS PLACED WEEKLY IN IMPORTANT BROILER AREAS IN 1954 X

About 720,323,000 broiler chicks were placed in 1954 in 13 important commercial broiler areas covered by weekly chick placement reports, the Crop Reporting Board announced. Placements varied from a high of 16,129,000 during the week ending March 27 to a low of 8,759,000 during the week ending December 25. The number of broiler chicks placed in the 13 areas was 5 percent above placements in 1953. Weekly placements were above the corresponding weeks in 1953 throughout most of the year. Only during the weeks ending May 29, June 5 and the last 11 weeks of 1954 were placements below those of 1953. In the 13 areas, Georgia led with 149,932,000 chicks placed, followed by Delaware with 134,740,000, Texas with 73,282,000, North Carolina with 57,627,000, California with 54,698,000 and Alabama with 50,931,000 placements.

During 1954 the weekly reports were expanded from an area to a State basis in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and Arkansas. Reports on weekly chick placements were inaugurated for the first time in October 1954 in Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Louisiana, Illinois, Missouri and Washington. Although complete totals for 1954 are available for only 13 areas at the present time, 22 States are included in the weekly chick placement report.

Table 2.--Individual feeds as percentage of the total concentrate ration fed to milk cows in herds kept by dairy reporters, United States, 1944-54 ^{1/}

Year	Small grains			Oil seed and oil-seed meals				Other millfeeds			Com-	Misc.	
	Corn	Oats	Barley	Wheat	Cotton seed meal	Corn seed meal	Linseed meal	Soybean or S.B. meal	Gluten feed	Wheat bran	Other mixed feed	Commercial mixed	Other
Percent of total													
1944	30.6	18.4	4.5	3.3	2.0	.6	1.8	3.3	.7	4.3	26.9	3.6	
1945	30.8	20.4	4.0	2.1	2.0	.4	1.2	3.1	.6	4.9	26.7	3.8	
1946	29.1	25.4	4.2	1.6	1.1	.2	1.1	2.1	.8	3.6	27.3	3.5	
1947	29.8	23.1	3.9	1.4	1.6	.4	1.1	2.5	.6	4.3	26.3	5.0	
1948	28.4	23.2	3.9	1.4	2.1	.3	1.7	2.1	.6	4.0	27.3	5.0	
1949	32.4	22.5	3.6	1.2	1.8	.4	1.7	2.1	.6	3.2	25.7	4.8	
1950	32.2	22.5	3.5	1.1	1.5	.2	1.4	2.3	.5	3.4	26.2	5.2	
1951	31.7	23.3	3.5	.9	1.2	.2	1.4	2.2	.5	3.4	26.7	5.0	
1952	32.2	22.0	2.9	1.0	1.3	.3	1.0	1.5	.4	3.0	30.3	4.1	
1953	33.5	21.2	2.7	.8	1.5	.2	1.1	1.8	.5	3.2	28.8	4.7	
1954	31.7	23.1	3.3	.8	1.6	.3	1.0	1.1	.4	2.9	28.7	5.1	

^{1/}Based on reports of rations fed on May 1 and November 1.

Rations fed in 1954 showed only minor changes in composition from those fed a year earlier. Corn and small grains accounted for about four-fifths of the total fed in both the East and West North Central areas, about 40 percent in the southern regions, about one-third in the North Atlantic, and one-fourth in the West. Commercial mixed feed made up well over half of the grain and concentrate rations fed in the North Atlantic and Western regions, about 40 percent in the South Atlantic and South Central areas and around 10 percent in the other regions. For data on kinds of feeds fed by States, see table 8.

Of the total grain and concentrate rations fed to milk cows in 1954, 51.1 percent was grown on the farms where fed. This compares with 50.8 percent in 1953 and 50.6 percent in 1952. Regionally, homegrown feeds were most important in the heavy grain producing areas, accounting for 75 percent of the total concentrate rations fed in the East North Central States and 71 percent in the West North Central region. In other areas, homegrown feeds represented 32 percent of the concentrate rations fed by dairy reporters in the South Atlantic and South Central regions, 27 percent in the North Atlantic, and 17 percent in the West. By States, the percentage of concentrate ration homegrown varied from 1 percent or less in California and most New England States to 80 percent or more in Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. Of the major grain components used in dairy rations in 1954, about seven-eighths of the corn and oats was homegrown and about three-fourths of the barley. For percentage homegrown by States and by kind of feed, see table 12.

Concentrate Ration Values Lowest in Four Years

The average value per 100 pounds of grain and concentrates fed to milk cows in 1954 was \$3.30 -- 4 percent below 1953, 14 percent below the 1948 record high of \$3.84, but still the sixth highest annual average in over four decades of records. In each month of 1954, ration values were the lowest for the month since 1950. States showed the usual substantial variation in value of concentrate rations fed in 1954, ranging from \$1.98 per hundredweight in North Dakota to \$4.24 in Maine and West Virginia. The milk-feed price ratio for 1954 averaged 1.19, the lowest since 1947, 5 percent below 1953, and 6 percent below the longtime annual average. The butterfat-feed price ratio for 1954, which averaged 19.7, was the lowest for any year since 1934, 9 percent below 1953 and 16 percent below the 1933-52 average.

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Week ending	Ala.	Calif.	Conn.	Del. Va.	Fla.	Ga.	Ind.	Maine
T h o u s a n d s								
January 2	822	1,694	1,316	3,029	413	3,269	1,212	595
9	846	1,808	1,471	3,361	416	3,205	1,394	663
16	918	1,685	1,463	3,477	489	3,277	1,321	737
23	897	1,798	1,450	3,533	468	3,362	1,655	736
30	863	1,791	1,566	3,336	502	3,520	1,447	744
February 6	895	1,830	1,619	3,178	463	3,563	1,309	684
13	927	1,838	1,618	3,269	485	3,605	1,357	743
20	1,023	1,734	1,602	3,292	521	3,806	1,492	716
27	1,082	1,819	1,588	3,289	554	3,947	1,470	744
March 6	1,138	1,935	1,654	3,516	555	3,967	1,419	743
13	1,138	1,983	1,617	3,442	552	4,003	1,511	741
20	1,077	1,986	1,576	3,666	545	4,054	1,569	728
27	1,029	2,132	1,550	3,902	454	4,006	1,478	778
April 3	1,120	1,987	1,497	3,901	540	4,075	1,493	742
10	1,097	1,838	1,473	3,952	523	3,970	1,433	788
17	1,030	1,927	1,421	3,942	494	3,897	1,472	706
24	1,031	1,823	1,413	3,817	502	4,039	1,502	730
May 1	980	1,835	1,274	3,190	490	4,053	1,379	761
8	967	1,667	1,282	2,768	489	3,977	1,299	745
15	932	1,697	1,101	2,454	440	3,954	1,179	720
22	940	1,751	1,169	2,916	460	3,918	1,403	682
29	928	1,708	1,204	3,364	473	3,936	1,343	817
June 5	1,009	1,712	1,207	3,484	465	3,995	1,286	744
12	973	1,598	1,173	3,393	431	3,952	1,225	794
19	975	1,629	1,171	3,311	446	3,868	1,336	743
26	1,012	1,519	1,192	3,359	422	3,965	1,347	761
July 3	982	1,468	1,109	3,284	422	3,969	1,365	754
10	975	1,472	1,120	3,376	374	3,784	1,253	763
17	861	1,412	1,116	3,453	444	3,848	1,230	814
24	772	1,525	1,236	3,238	472	3,802	1,227	816
31	840	1,528	1,153	3,216	459	3,705	1,242	820
August 7	875	1,440	989	3,014	474	3,787	1,288	784
14	929	1,464	939	2,850	467	3,765	1,366	785
21	920	1,423	1,168	2,844	508	3,784	1,358	776
28	868	1,463	1,061	2,861	498	3,715	1,282	708
September 4	891	1,470	975	2,792	456	3,680	1,106	775
11	920	1,416	983	2,316	461	3,603	1,094	766
18	905	1,426	909	2,050	471	3,738	872	752
25	967	1,415	916	1,759	469	3,692	916	718
October 2	899	1,345	932	1,701	429	3,688	961	588
9	913	1,348	908	1,944	400	3,428	923	705
16	919	1,327	902	2,012	371	3,437	739	709
23	830	1,325	811	2,115	360	3,359	913	650
30	914	1,361	929	2,303	400	3,426	1,044	700
November 6	865	1,315	790	2,510	421	3,408	1,148	676
13	844	1,330	1,049	2,512	405	3,365	1,075	756
20	786	1,185	853	2,349	391	3,419	958	645
27	742	1,162	1,062	2,598	433	3,550	1,032	714
December 4	709	1,042	729	1,564	289	3,123	735	711
11	823	1,271	1,127	2,411	278	3,522	954	696
18	817	1,255	1,188	2,653	333	3,625	849	706
25	764	1,281	961	2,528	299	3,396	803	713
Annual total 1954	48,179	82,193	62,582	154,394	23,376	192,801	64,064	38,085
Annual total 1953	34,658	81,771	66,574	177,857	20,164	159,494	63,117	32,371
Change from 1953	+39	+1	-6	-13	+16	+21	+2	+18

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Week ending	Miss.	N.C.	Oreg.	Shen. Valley		Texas	Total	Comparable totals		
				Va.	W.Va.			1954	1954	1953
T h o u s a n d s										
January	2	1,013	1,558	206	1,153	1,988	18,268	18,062	17,402	
	9	1,080	1,678	218	1,238	2,015	19,393	19,175	17,718	
	16	1,067	1,739	275	1,345	2,091	19,884	19,609	17,398	
	23	1,123	1,872	296	1,249	2,086	20,525	20,229	17,798	
	30	1,162	2,004	259	1,273	2,003	20,470	20,211	18,416	
February	6	1,208	1,824	287	1,281	2,116	20,257	19,970	18,969	
	13	1,179	1,805	283	1,346	2,110	20,565	20,282	19,188	
	20	1,274	1,939	281	1,337	2,156	21,173	20,892	19,576	
	27	1,405	1,948	284	1,297	2,281	21,708	21,424	20,033	
March	6	1,330	2,055	270	1,386	2,385	22,353	22,083	19,461	
	13	1,411	2,067	280	1,470	2,261	22,476	22,196	19,949	
	20	1,389	2,071	301	1,314	2,213	22,489	22,188	20,088	
	27	1,350	2,026	323	1,355	2,175	22,558	22,235	20,282	
April	3	1,366	2,040	351	1,225	2,209	22,546	22,195	19,975	
	10	1,326	2,059	303	1,412	2,161	22,335	22,032	19,987	
	17	1,360	1,995	336	1,369	2,102	22,051	21,715	19,700	
	24	1,304	1,991	355	1,314	2,038	21,859	21,504	19,490	
May	1	1,239	1,980	390	1,364	2,006	20,941	20,551	19,453	
	8	1,287	1,926	309	1,331	1,970	20,017	19,708	19,500	
	15	1,191	1,903	305	1,267	1,970	19,113	18,808	19,087	
	22	1,177	1,892	308	1,221	1,887	19,724	19,416	19,137	
	29	1,158	1,906	262	1,111	2,094	20,304	20,042	18,845	
June	5	1,150	1,920	271	1,241	2,002	20,486	20,215	18,243	
	12	1,332	1,918	258	1,211	2,094	20,352	20,094	18,073	
	19	1,325	1,910	237	1,285	2,178	20,414	20,177	17,912	
	26	1,285	1,952	220	1,279	2,136	20,449	20,229	17,432	
July	3	1,289	1,950	280	1,253	2,103	20,228	19,948	16,902	
	10	1,119	1,794	243	1,345	2,086	19,704	19,461	16,138	
	17	1,176	1,753	217	1,315	2,007	19,646	19,429	16,315	
	24	1,200	1,758	189	1,325	2,037	19,597	19,408	16,342	
	31	1,099	1,760	200	1,265	1,929	19,216	19,016	16,090	
August	7	1,224	1,768	179	1,286	1,879	18,987	18,808	15,371	
	14	1,262	1,702	215	1,152	1,849	18,745	18,530	15,309	
	21	1,145	1,680	152	1,212	2,051	19,021	18,869	15,531	
	28	1,149	1,671	158	1,106	2,086	18,626	18,468	15,636	
September	4	1,124	1,687	142	1,019	2,163	18,280	18,138	15,592	
	11	1,203	1,599	149	853	2,128	17,491	17,342	15,295	
	18	1,165	1,597	147	692	1,961	16,685	16,538	15,519	
	25	1,164	1,532	146	612	2,133	16,439	16,293	15,463	
October	2	1,053	1,524	109	621	1,944	15,794	15,685	16,394	
	9	993	1,385	155	728	1,899	15,729	15,574	16,777	
	16	849	1,447	132	856	1,813	15,513	15,381	17,065	
	23	925	1,529	108	805	1,818	15,548	15,440	17,607	
	30	986	1,553	177	990	1,899	16,682	16,505	17,365	
November	6	922	1,547	188	1,126	1,701	16,617	16,429	18,166	
	13	897	1,553	218	1,073	1,811	16,888	16,670	18,384	
	20	897	1,516	169	894	1,753	15,815	15,646	18,712	
	27	793	1,453	195	839	1,622	16,195	16,000	19,293	
December	4	800	1,098	153	723	900	12,576	12,423	16,370	
	11	786	1,342	203	926	1,272	15,611	15,408	18,938	
	18	923	1,428	148	931	1,728	16,584	16,436	18,780	
	25	824	1,248	142	892	1,713	15,564	15,422	18,227	
Total 1954		59,458	90,852	11,982	59,513	103,012	990,491	978,509	---	
Total 1953		54,329	78,020	17	61,517	101,775	---	---	931,587	
% change from 1953		+9	+16	---	-3	+1	---	+5	---	

7/1953 not complete for all weeks.
 2/12 States 1953-54 comparisons - excluding Oregon.