Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States
Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 12, 2005. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 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 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 12, 2005. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through March 12, 2005 were 1.75 billion, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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### Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

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| 19 State Total | *213,234 | *213,830 | *213,018 | *214,080 | 210,864 | 210,313 |
| Previous Year Total | 206,642 | 208,421 | 209,844 | 210,864 | 210,313 | 210,601 |

| Pct. of Prev. Year | 103 | 103 | 102 | 101 | 102 | 101 |

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### Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

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| 19 State Total | *172,928 | *175,504 | 175,882 | 176,926 | *176,076 | 176,613 |
| Previous Year Total | 168,937 | 167,265 | 167,390 | 168,319 | 169,208 | 170,698 |

| Pct. of Prev. Year | 102 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 104 | 103 |

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