Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States
Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 2, 2005. This was down slightly 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 2, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through July 2, 2005 were 4.58 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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