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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 15, 2005. This was up 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 15, 2005. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through October 15, 2005 were 7.17 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 10 2005	Sep 17 2005	Sep 24 2005	Oct 1 2005	Oct 8 2005	Oct 15 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,705	30,508	*30,296	31,177	31,002	30,242
AR	30,022	29,276	29,694	29,958	30,967	29,236
DE	3,744	3,668	3,797	3,979	3,810	3,767
FL	1,374	1,379	*1,404	1,374	1,364	1,384
GA	33,786	31,926	*32,533	33,098	33,740	32,415
KY	6,935	*6,206	6,973	*6,508	*6,745	5,986
LA	4,105	3,802	4,105	3,833	4,136	4,136
MD	8,796	8,509	8,765	8,721	8,670	8,813
MS	17,639	17,672	*18,412	17,235	17,672	18,412
NC	16,578	16,765	*17,885	17,643	17,170	17,334
OK	6,669	*6,256	*6,257	6,490	6,496	6,590
PA	4,283	3,802	3,970	4,247	*4,190	4,157
SC	5,120	5,151	4,859	5,075	4,939	5,093
TX	14,965	14,504	14,226	13,049	14,561	14,806
VA	6,112	6,030	6,272	5,861	6,245	6,009
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,221	*16,677	17,762	*16,924	*18,541	17,115
19 State Total	209,054	*202,131	*207,210	*205,172	*210,248	205,495
Previous Year Total	202,622	197,407	201,405	200,166	203,011	196,265
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	103	103	104	105

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 10 2005	Sep 17 2005	Sep 24 2005	Oct 1 2005	Oct 8 2005	Oct 15 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,322	21,520	20,919	20,289	*21,140	20,643
AR	23,344	24,216	*24,271	23,578	23,250	23,736
DE	5,303	5,832	5,449	5,481	5,142	5,742
FL	1,492	1,431	1,325	1,527	*1,492	1,471
GA	27,306	26,556	26,700	27,674	*25,903	26,418
KY	5,738	5,843	5,848	*6,101	*5,344	6,131
LA	3,880	4,059	4,104	4,052	3,260	3,381
MD	5,479	5,173	5,160	5,133	5,296	5,357
MS	15,322	16,252	15,364	15,386	15,415	16,554
NC	14,904	14,635	13,654	13,963	13,917	14,620
OK	5,358	5,311	*4,491	5,060	5,028	3,965
PA	3,041	2,926	3,073	3,093	*2,784	2,892
SC	4,318	4,369	4,739	3,773	4,476	3,630
TX	12,751	12,791	12,633	12,496	12,299	12,960
VA	4,780	4,919	5,288	5,034	4,925	4,922
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,617	16,984	17,614	*17,317	*16,224	16,188
19 State Total	171,955	172,817	*170,632	*169,957	*165,895	168,610
Previous Year Total	174,977	173,376	172,022	165,909	160,797	164,297
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	100	99	102	103	103

* Revised