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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 22, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 22 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through October 22, 2005 were 7.34 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 17 2005	Sep 24 2005	Oct 1 2005	Oct 8 2005	Oct 15 2005	Oct 22 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,508	30,296	31,177	31,002	30,242	30,901
AR	29,276	29,694	*29,550	30,967	*29,003	28,489
DE	3,668	3,797	3,979	3,810	3,767	3,690
FL	1,379	1,404	1,374	1,364	1,384	1,379
GA	31,926	32,533	33,098	*33,739	*32,431	31,484
KY	6,206	*6,944	*6,655	6,745	5,986	6,136
LA	3,802	4,105	3,833	4,136	4,136	3,834
MD	8,509	8,765	8,721	8,670	8,813	8,737
MS	17,672	18,412	*17,573	*17,756	*16,951	17,973
NC	16,765	17,885	*17,936	17,170	17,334	17,914
OK	6,256	6,257	*6,278	6,496	6,590	6,619
PA	3,802	3,970	4,247	4,190	*4,032	3,976
SC	5,151	4,859	5,075	4,939	5,093	5,029
TX	14,504	14,226	*12,383	14,561	14,806	13,642
VA	6,030	6,272	5,861	6,245	6,009	6,190
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,677	17,762	16,924	18,541	*17,101	17,069
19 State Total	202,131	*207,181	*204,664	*210,331	*203,678	203,062
Previous Year Total	197,407	201,405	200,166	203,011	196,265	194,298
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	102	104	104	105

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 17 2005	Sep 24 2005	Oct 1 2005	Oct 8 2005	Oct 15 2005	Oct 22 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,520	20,919	20,289	21,140	20,643	21,641
AR	24,216	24,271	23,578	23,250	23,736	23,224
DE	5,832	5,449	5,481	5,142	*5,466	5,940
FL	1,431	1,325	1,527	1,492	1,471	1,583
GA	26,556	26,700	27,674	25,903	*26,400	25,995
KY	5,843	5,848	6,101	5,344	*6,127	5,711
LA	4,059	4,104	4,052	3,260	3,381	3,993
MD	5,173	5,160	5,133	5,296	*4,958	4,679
MS	16,252	15,364	15,386	15,415	*16,535	15,617
NC	14,635	13,654	13,963	13,917	14,620	14,691
OK	5,311	4,491	5,060	5,028	3,965	4,566
PA	2,926	3,073	3,093	2,784	*2,908	3,091
SC	4,369	4,739	3,773	4,476	3,630	4,838
TX	12,791	12,633	12,496	12,299	12,960	10,369
VA	4,919	5,288	5,034	4,925	4,922	4,651
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,984	17,614	17,317	16,224	*16,221	15,606
19 State Total	172,817	170,632	169,957	165,895	*167,943	166,195
Previous Year Total	173,376	172,022	165,909	160,797	164,297	164,597
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	102	103	102	101

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