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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 26, 2005. This was up 2 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 26, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through November 26, 2005 were 8.17 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					
	Oct 22 2005	Oct 29 2005	Nov 5 2005	Nov 12 2005	Nov 19 2005	Nov 26 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,786	29,368	30,649	30,939	*30,847	31,414
AR	28,357	27,886	*28,826	30,983	30,495	30,960
DE	3,690	3,289	3,820	3,484	3,797	3,995
FL	1,399	1,383	1,374	1,374	1,364	1,364
GA	31,405	30,855	32,339	32,315	32,511	34,393
KY	6,210	*6,754	*6,826	6,900	*6,853	6,973
LA	3,834	4,136	3,834	4,136	4,136	4,136
MD	8,737	8,467	8,820	8,842	8,787	8,952
MS	17,731	16,408	*18,412	17,914	18,477	18,484
NC	18,126	18,497	*17,452	18,303	*18,409	18,729
OK	6,619	6,337	6,322	6,606	6,676	6,800
PA	3,739	3,741	3,903	*4,272	4,024	3,987
SC	5,029	4,471	4,691	4,937	4,658	5,060
TX	13,223	13,651	15,133	14,891	15,179	14,912
VA	6,190	6,373	6,511	6,374	*6,377	6,388
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,252	17,421	*17,551	*18,049	18,052	18,033
19 State Total	202,327	*199,037	*206,463	*210,319	*210,642	214,580
Previous Year Total	194,298	197,554	200,982	207,845	208,330	210,096
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	101	103	101	101	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 22 2005	Oct 29 2005	Nov 5 2005	Nov 12 2005	Nov 19 2005	Nov 26 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,642	20,934	20,125	20,224	*20,230	20,365
AR	23,224	25,082	22,153	21,300	22,501	22,475
DE	5,940	5,289	4,912	5,960	4,697	5,897
FL	1,583	1,567	1,646	1,542	1,604	1,612
GA	25,929	25,934	*25,791	*25,770	*24,600	26,158
KY	5,711	6,051	5,393	4,998	*5,563	5,854
LA	3,993	3,871	3,920	3,694	3,852	3,507
MD	4,679	5,388	5,933	4,781	*5,443	5,148
MS	15,641	15,771	14,936	16,223	14,960	16,395
NC	14,691	13,853	14,433	14,798	*14,999	14,088
OK	4,566	5,218	5,542	5,396	4,539	4,943
PA	3,095	3,034	3,036	*2,767	2,766	2,885
SC	4,838	5,049	4,243	4,273	4,085	4,509
TX	10,370	12,100	12,352	11,137	11,518	12,756
VA	4,651	4,933	4,859	4,976	*5,083	5,173
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,013	16,167	*16,013	*17,199	*17,311	17,002
19 State Total	166,566	170,241	*165,287	*165,038	*163,751	168,767
Previous Year Total	164,597	165,442	161,494	161,853	162,518	165,545
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	103	102	102	101	102

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