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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 3, 2005. This was up 3 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 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 3, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through December 3, 2005 were 8.34 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					
	Oct 29 2005	Nov 5 2005	Nov 12 2005	Nov 19 2005	Nov 26 2005	Dec 3 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,368	*30,510	*31,494	30,847	*31,535	31,711
AR	27,886	28,826	*30,760	30,495	30,960	31,284
DE	3,289	3,820	3,484	3,797	3,995	4,017
FL	1,383	1,374	1,374	1,364	1,364	1,374
GA	30,855	32,339	32,315	32,511	34,393	33,839
KY	6,754	6,826	6,900	6,853	6,973	6,599
LA	4,136	3,834	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136
MD	8,467	8,820	8,842	8,787	8,952	8,885
MS	16,408	18,412	*18,059	18,477	18,484	18,704
NC	18,497	17,452	*18,060	18,409	*18,918	17,807
OK	6,337	6,322	6,606	6,676	*6,679	6,679
PA	3,741	3,903	4,272	*4,285	*4,008	4,032
SC	4,471	4,691	4,937	4,658	5,060	5,097
TX	13,651	15,133	14,891	15,179	14,912	15,157
VA	6,373	6,511	6,374	6,377	6,388	6,378
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,421	17,551	18,049	*18,121	*18,043	17,694
19 State Total	199,037	*206,324	*210,553	*210,972	*214,800	213,393
Previous Year Total	197,554	200,982	207,845	208,330	210,096	208,114
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	103	101	101	102	103

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 29 2005	Nov 5 2005	Nov 12 2005	Nov 19 2005	Nov 26 2005	Dec 3 2005
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,934	20,125	20,224	*19,606	*20,419	21,090
AR	25,082	22,153	21,300	22,501	*22,459	24,212
DE	5,289	4,912	5,960	4,697	5,897	5,068
FL	1,567	1,646	1,542	*1,640	*1,644	1,719
GA	25,934	25,791	25,770	24,600	*26,195	26,756
KY	6,051	5,393	4,998	5,563	5,854	5,707
LA	3,871	3,920	3,694	3,852	3,507	4,235
MD	5,388	5,933	4,781	5,443	5,148	5,456
MS	15,771	14,936	16,223	14,960	16,395	15,850
NC	13,853	14,433	14,798	14,999	*14,144	14,963
OK	5,218	5,542	5,396	4,539	*4,942	5,100
PA	3,034	3,036	2,767	*2,911	*3,021	3,054
SC	5,049	4,243	4,273	4,085	4,509	3,865
TX	12,100	12,352	11,137	11,518	12,756	12,608
VA	4,933	4,859	4,976	5,083	5,173	5,342
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,167	16,013	17,199	*17,427	*17,071	16,715
19 State Total	170,241	165,287	165,038	*163,424	*169,134	171,740
Previous Year Total	165,442	161,494	161,853	162,518	165,545	170,790
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	102	101	102	101

* Revised